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EL CERRITO Mayor Mark Friedman attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the city's first art bench painted by artist Emily Duffy, wearing a hat with the same Mondrian design as the bench last Friday.

## Home is where the art is

Organizers hope new 'art bench' is the first of many in El Cerrito

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Who says art and bus stop benches can't mix?

The first El Cerrito art bench was dedicated by Mayor Mark Friedman in a colorful, lively and informal ceremony last week outside Fat Apple's restaurant on Fairmount Avenue.

El Cerrito artist Emily Duffy's Mondrian-style art bench was a big hit with the two dozen or so people who attended the dedication.

"I really support this artistic effort," said El Cerrito resident Barbara Hill Bennett. "We could have a good time having other artists do benches. El Cerrito is a wonderful place to live . . . El Cerrito is right next to Berkeley, but it's so much more livable because it's affordable."

In his dedication comments, Mayor Friedman encouraged the creation of more arts funding in the city and artist Duffy suggested a series of art benches throughout the city with an "art bench walk" mapped out for pedestrians. "Art on San Pablo Avenue — that would be something else," Duffy said.

"Every time somebody goes by here, they're going to say, El Cerrito is not a plain vanilla generic place anymore," Friedman told the crowd in his dedication remarks. "It's a creative place where we have wonderful people like Emily doing wonderful things to help the public



ARTIST EMILY DUFFY celebrated the completion of the art bench at Friday's ribbon cutting ceremony.

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## BART parking questions abound as deadline nears

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — What's really going to happen remains unclear, but some consensus began to emerge last week at the first of two neighborhood meetings about BART parking and the El Cerrito Plaza.

New Plaza co-owner Regency Realty Corp. has informed the city that the northeastern section of parking at the Plaza will be fenced off on June 27 to prepare for Plaza reconstruction.

Counts show that about 1,000 BART users park in this Plaza parking area each week day. Nearby residents and city planners fear that many of these displaced BART parkers may flood onto neighborhood streets to find places to park after the Plaza parking lot is taken out of the equation.

BART patrons are not supposed to park in the Plaza parking lot to use the train, but for the past few years the former owner did not enforce that restriction.

The new Plaza co-owners have said they will enforce the rules, which say you must be shopping at Plaza businesses to park in the center's lot.

In the past few weeks, Plaza owners have installed signs on the lot and put fliers on cars of BART parkers, telling them about the upcoming changes and about "alternative parking options."

The fliers suggest alternatives such as the park-and-ride facilities at Hilltop and parking at the Richmond or North Berkeley BART stations.

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## Thefts of shopkeepers' wallets follow a pattern

Apparently one thief rummages through a merchant's belongings while another makes a distraction and a third calls to ask for a PIN

By Tony Hicks and Clare Curley

TIMES STAFF WRITER

Identity pirates posing over the phone as police and bank officials have struck four times this month in the East Bay, digging for ATM information from merchants only hours after stealing their wallets.

Police received reports from shopkeepers in Albany, Berkeley, Martinez and Pinole between May 9 and May 17.

In each case, someone occupied the merchant at the back of the store while their partner rifled through the owner's belongings. All four merchants received calls within hours from someone claiming to be a police officer or bank official,

alerting them that someone was trying to use the stolen credit and ATM cards.

Amid a flurry of questions, the caller asked to verify identification numbers. Only the owner of a Martinez antique store fell for the scam, after the thief claimed to be her regular teller.

The Martinez merchant, who asked not to be named for fear of being victimized again, lost \$990 in bank withdrawals, plus \$525 in cash. None of the other merchants offered the information, though the suspects did use the credit cards and stolen cash.

"It's a terrible violation," said Helen

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## Fictional character inspires real life tour of London

Twenty-two parents and children will make the journey, which has a Harry Potter theme

By Clare Curley

STAFF WRITER

KENSINGTON — The magic of children's book character Harry Potter has struck again, this time casting a spell over Kensington mother Angelina Sorensen.

Sorensen, who has a fourth grade son at Kensington Hilltop School, has orga-

nized a group jaunt through London this summer for parents to show their kids the city that created the famous fictional character.

From July 15 to 22, she will guide 22 parents and kids to the city's hotspots, including the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, the Thames River and the British Museum. Though most kids going on the trip are from Kensington School, others attend schools in El Cerrito and Albany.

"I'm organizing everything for them," said Sorensen.

Sorensen, a civil engineer, said she was turned on to giving tours when she gave a guided London art tour to six

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## City manager retirement agreement addresses past controversy

New agreement lauds Pokorny but disapproves of previous Council's 1997 termination of equity sharing pact

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Outgoing City Manager Gary Pokorny's performance over

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the past 11 years is praised in a retirement agreement unanimously approved by the City Council this month.

But the same document also expresses regret over a prior City Council's handling of Pokorny's November 1997 employment agreement.

The new document praises Pokorny's 11 years of work as city manager and states he has "worked hard and with distinction to make El Cerrito a better place in which to work and do business."

At the same time, "In retrospect, this council believes certain matters should have been handled differently," the retirement agreement states.

"For example, this City Council disapproves of the manner in which the city manager's 1997 employment agreement was presented and approved on Nov. 17, 1997, by the then City Council in reference both to the termination of the 1989 equity sharing agreement and to certain other provisions, including the severance provision, contained in that 1997 agreement."

The newly approved retirement agreement states: "This council would not have approved the 1997 city manager employment agreement in its present form."

However, it also goes on to say that Pokorny's tenure as city manager has,

"in general," been one of "personal fulfillment and one of success for the city of El Cerrito." Pokorny will leave his post later this summer when the current budget process is complete.

### Good words

The agreement also directs that "the city shall cooperate with Pokorny in providing him with positive references regarding his tenure with the city."

Pokorny, for his part, agrees to "provide positive information about the city and about the members of the City Council" to anyone considering employment with the city.

"In recognition of Pokorny's long and successful tenure with the city, Pokorny and the City Council shall strive to be positive about that experience and about their relationship," the retirement agreement states.

Pokorny's retirement as city manager becomes effective July 31, 2000. He will remain a city employee until the end of August, using accrued vacation time.

El Cerrito will continue to pay for health and dental coverage for Pokorny and his dependents for the next five years, unless he obtains another full-time

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## WORTH CHECKING OUT

## On CCCT stage

Contra Costa Civic Theatre's next production "The Women," by Clare Boothe and directed by Louis Flynn, opens today and continues through next weekend as part of CCCT's Playmakers Series. Performances at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets: \$7 general admission. The theater is at 951 Pomona Ave. in El Cerrito. Reservations: 510-524-9132

## Library book sale

The Friends of the Albany Library Book Sale is set for June 16, 17 and 18, and the friends could use lots of volunteers, both for the actual sale and for sorting the materials before hand. Details: 526-7866.

## Family story time

All ages are welcome at family story time, which returns to the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. The free series continues through May 30. Details: 510-524-3043.

## 9th Annual Junk Art Show

Sign up for the ninth Annual Junk Art Show sponsored by the El Cerrito Recycling Center. Create original works of art from your unwanted junk. Artwork will be on display at the July 4 Community Fair. Participants have a chance to win gift certificates to Amsterdam Art, East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse and more. To receive more information send your name, address and phone number to El Cerrito Recycling, 10890 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530 Attn: Junk Art, or call 215-4350.

## Albany Sports Camp

Albany Sports Camp, now in its eighth year, offers children an array of activities ranging from soccer, baseball, swimming, flag football, jump rope, volleyball, Frisbee, kickball, street hockey and even bocce ball, as well as board games and story telling. Extended care and drop-ins are accepted at the camp, which has age-appropriate groups and serves watermelon on Friday. The first two sessions and the weeks from Aug. 21-25 to Sept.

11-15 meet on the Thousand Oaks Avenue side of Memorial Park. The remaining weeks meet at Ocean View Park off Buchanan Street. Swimming is Wednesday and Friday at Albany Pool. There is a 10 percent discount for siblings and/or multiple-week registrations and on-site registration is accepted. Early drop-off and extended care are also available and there is a special staff for children ages 4-5. For details and fees call 559-8208 or write Albany Sports Camp, P.O. Box 6032, Albany, CA 94706.

## Day camp space available

The Kensington Community Council still has room in its Summer Day Camp for children ages 6 to 12. The camp, at 59 Arlington Ave., will run June 19 through Aug. 25. Activities include field trips, sports, drama, gymnastics, pottery and tennis. The camp's hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Campers may enroll on a weekly basis or for the entire summer. The cost is \$150 per week, which includes transportation, snacks and special activities. Call 510-525-0292.

## Resident returns home, finds intruder

By K. Osborn  
CORRESPONDENT

**ALBANY** — On the night of May 21 a San Francisco woman reported that her blue '81 Toyota Camry was stolen while it was parked on the 500 block of Pierce Street. There were no witnesses.

■ Shortly before midnight on May 21 Officers contacted a group of people in a white '91 Range Rover that was parked at the dead end of Taft Street. A check of the occupants found that a 46-year-old San Leandro man had outstanding warrants from Oakland totaling \$3,324. He was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail. The other occupants were found to be clear and were allowed to depart.

■ On the morning of May 22 a resident on the 700 block of Hillside Avenue reported that thieves had stolen items from unlocked cars parked in the carport area. There were no witnesses.

■ At about noon on May 22 a resident on the 900 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that vandals had damaged the fender of her car with a crowbar type tool and she could not open the door. There were no witnesses to the vandalism.

■ At about 4 p.m. on May 22 officers stopped a green '93 Ford Mustang for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 25-year-old man, was found to be driving without a driver's license. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ At about noon officers located a red '00 Kia that was parked on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue that had been reported as stolen from Fairfield. The owner was notified.

■ On the afternoon of May 23 a resident on the 800 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that thieves had broken into his brown '81 Toyota Tercel while it was parked in front of his home. The thieves stole various items and departed unseen.

■ On the evening of May 23 a resident on the 500b lock of Key Route

Boulevard reported that during the night thieves had broken into his gray '96 Mazda and stole items. There were no witnesses.

■ On the night of May 23 a resident on the 1100 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that thieves had stolen his blue '87 Toyota SW. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 3:30 p.m. on May 24 employees at a business on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that while they were loading items in a van a thief stole money from the cash register. The thief was described as a black male adult, about 20-21 years old and wearing a blue baseball cap. Police are investigating.

■ At about 12:30 p.m. on May 25 officers stopped a purple Plymouth Voyager mini van on San Pablo Avenue near Portland Avenue that was traveling at over 60 miles per hour. The driver, a 48-year-old Union City man, was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ At about 11 p.m. on May 25 a resident on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue reported that he has just observed a subject going through his neighbor's gray '88 Toyota Camry. The subject was last seen traveling south on Kains Avenue riding a red bicycle. Police are investigating.

■ At about 12:30 a.m. on May 26 officers contacted a 36-year-old Berkeley man on the 1300 block of Solano Avenue who appeared to be in distress. He was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

■ At about 1 p.m. on May 26 a resident on the 1100 block of Neilson Street reported that he had just returned home and surprised a subject in his home who appeared to be in the process of stealing items. The man chased the thief towards Sonoma Avenue. The subject, a 22-year-old Albany man, was arrested and transported to Santa Rita Jail. Some of the property was recovered.

■ At about 4:30 p.m. on May 26 a man reported that a few minutes prior a man in a primer gray Toyota

## POLICE NOTES

had stopped and talked to his 12-year-old daughter on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue. The subject, asking her personal questions about her age. He was last seen traveling west toward San Pablo Avenue. Police are investigating.

■ At about 1:30 a.m. on May 25 officers stopped a red '91 Toyota Camry on San Pablo Avenue near Solano Avenue because the driver was unable to have outstanding Albany warrants. The driver, a 20-year-old woman, was arrested, cited and transported to the Berkeley jail.

■ On the morning of May 23 officers stopped a green Ford Taurus near Buchanan and Jackson for running a red light. The driver, a 23-year-old El Sobrante man, was found to be driving with a suspended license. He was cited and released with a Notice to Appear. He was advised to park his truck and wait for a friend to come and pick him up.

■ At about 5 p.m. on May 23 officers stopped a blue Mini Cooper on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue for suspicious activity. The car was found to be stolen and the owner, a two 14-year-old Richmond boys, were arrested. They were cited and released to their parents or guardians with Notices to Appear. Some of the car was notified.

During the week of May 22, officers towed one car, responded to false alarms, attended to injured or deceased animals, assisted people who were locked out of their house or car, and responded to reports of barking dogs. In the domestic arena officers responded to one domestic dispute, 27 minor civil disturbances and 74 minor civil disturbances. Officers stopped 98 vehicles, 48 citations and 40 warnings. Firefighters/paramedics responded to one fire call and 16 medical emergencies.

## Arrest in attempt to cash stolen check

STAFF REPORT

**EL CERRITO** — Police have been cracking down on people driving under the influence. In the past two weeks, five DUIs were handed out to people driving while intoxicated and several others to drivers who had used illegal drugs. Several of the arrests took place on San Pablo Avenue, two after drivers were involved in accidents. No injuries were reported.

In one case, a 38-year-old man was arrested the evening of May 19 for

driving under the influence of base cocaine. He was pulled over at a gas station on Knott Avenue and San Pablo Avenue after failing to stop for an officer.

At the same time, a 32-year-old woman was arrested down the road at Hill Avenue for riding her bicycle under the influence of a controlled substance. She was stopped for riding without a headlight or helmet.

The evening of May 19, a 50-year-old man was arrested for public drunkenness and was determined

to have an outstanding warrant according to a report. He was cited by an officer while unloading at the 10500 block of San Pablo Avenue.

■ Also on May 19, a 34-year-old man was arrested at a traffic stop on Carlos Avenue and San Pablo Avenue when he provided false information to officers, according to a report.

■ A 13-year-old boy was arrested May 18, around 8:40 p.m., for riding a stolen car. According to the report, he ran through the 1500 block of Elm Street, stole his sweater and drove off on a bike that belonged to the resident. The property was returned to its owner.

■ On May 20, a black Chrysler was reported stolen from the 2500 block of Tamalpais.

■ On May 17, a 20-year-old and 24-year-old male were arrested after attempting to cash a stolen check at California Check Cashing on San Pablo. Allegedly, they tried to cash the check while waiting in a car with a color whose number matched that of the check. They both fled after an employee of California Cashing notified police. The stolen check was also found in the car.

■ Earlier this month a stolen car was recovered in Richmond in condition and returned to its owner. Missing from the vehicle were portable CD players and the owner's house and car.



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## A pocket of full of posies

**THE FRIENDS** of Baxter Creek will hold their second annual Plant Sale fund-raiser on June 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Key and Conlon in El Cerrito (one block up from Home Depot). A Berkeley-based folk band, The Attenders, will be playing at the sale at 11:30 a.m., featuring tunes such as "River Song," "Step Into the Water," and "Baxter Creek Song" (sung to the tune of "The Water Is Wide"). All money raised will be donated to Friends of Baxter Creek. Tax donation receipts will be available and all unsold will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. For more information and to volunteer to help out with the sale, call Emmy Damon at 510-233-5795.

## Area parks included in Alameda Whipsnake habitat proposal

In response to public requests, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has reopened the public comment period and held a public hearing on its March 2000 proposal to designate seven areas in Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, and San Joaquin counties as critical habitat for the threatened Alameda whipsnake under the Endangered Species Act. The proposed habitat includes Tilden and other regional parks.

The new deadline for written comments is June 12. The original comment period ended May 8.

Critical habitat refers to specific geographic areas essential for the conservation of a threatened or endangered species that may require special management considerations. According to the Fish and Wildlife Service, these areas do not necessarily have to be occupied by the species at the time of designation. A designation does not set up a pre-

serve or refuge and only applies to situations where federal funding or a federal permit is involved. It has no impact on landowners taking actions on their land that do not involve federal funding or permits.

Federal agencies must consult with the service before taking actions, issuing permits or providing funding for activities that might adversely modify critical habitat.

Wayne White, Field Supervisor for the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office said the service is especially seeking information on: the location of any additional populations of Alameda whipsnakes and the reasons why any habitat should or should not be determined to be critical habitat; additional information regarding the validity of the primary constituent elements described in the proposed rule; and additional information regarding areas that may be essential as travel corridors for con-

necting individual Alameda whipsnake populations.

Under terms of a court settlement, the service proposed critical habitat for the Alameda whipsnake in March 2000. A final designation must be made before Sept. 1.

The seven units proposed are: ■ The Tilden-Briones Unit, including substantial public land within Tilden, Wildcat, and Briones regional parks and East Bay Municipal Utilities District watershed lands;

■ The Oakland-Las Trampas Unit, which also contains substantial amounts of public land including Redwood and Anthony Chabot regional parks, Las Trampas Regional Wilderness, and East Bay Municipal Utilities District watershed lands;

■ The Hayward-Pleasanton Ridge Unit, more than 30 percent of which is within public ownership, including Garin, Dry Creek, and Pleasanton Ridge Regional Parks and other East

Bay Regional Park District holdings;

■ The Mount Diablo-Black Hills Unit, which completely encompasses Mount Diablo State Park and surrounding lands, including public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Contra Costa Water District, and East Bay Regional Parks, as well as two large privately owned gravel quarries;

■ The Sunol-Cedar Mountains Unit, which encompasses East Bay Regional Park District's Sunol, Mission Peak, Ohlone, Camp Ohlone, and Del Valle complex and San Francisco Water District's Del Valle watershed, as well as lands owned by the Department of Energy and the California Department of Parks and Recreation;

■ The Caldecott Tunnel Corridor Unit where State Highway 24 tunnels under the Berkeley Hills for approximately 4,000 feet, and

■ The Niles Canyon/Sunol Corri-

dor Unit, which includes East Bay Regional Park District and San Francisco Water District watershed lands.

While the service is proposing 406,708 acres of critical habitat it says that "not all the land within the units is significant enough to the Alameda whipsnake to require federal agencies to consult with the service."

Written comments on the proposal are invited until June 12. They should be mailed to the Field Supervisor, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, W-2605, Sacramento, CA 95825. They may also be faxed to 916/414-6710/6711.

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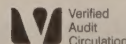
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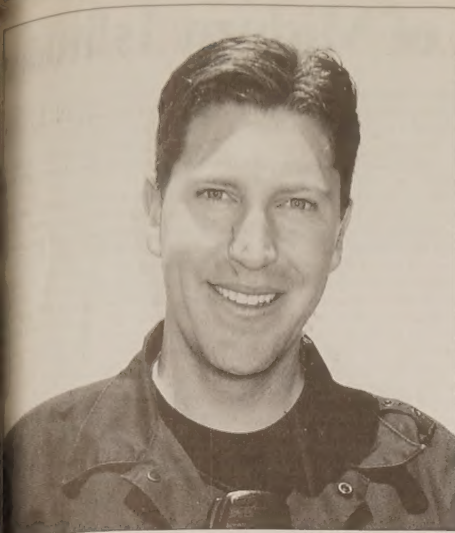
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OFFICER JOHN GEISSBERGER is the Albany Police Department's Officer of the Year, honored by the Albany-El Cerrito Exchange Club.

## IN BRIEF

### Theft suspect, vandalism incidents may be linked

EL CERRITO — On May 27 at about 6:54 p.m., the El Cerrito Police Department responded to the report of a grand theft of a guitar from the Guitar Center, located in the 8300 block of San Pablo Avenue. The subject who removed the guitar valued at \$2,700, used a large rock to smash out a window of a parked vehicle located in the 700 block of Marney Street.

While the subject departed the area in a vehicle, witnesses were able to obtain a license number of the vehicle as it was leaving the scene. It was determined that the vehicle had been reported stolen to the San Francisco Police Department on May 26.

Around the same time there were two hit-and-run collisions reported at the intersection of Richmond Street and Mooser Lane and the destruction of the responsible vehicle similar to the one witnesses described after the from Guitar Center.

There were also three reported vandalism incidents in the 11100 block of San Pablo Avenue. An interior door was smashed at the U.S. Post Office, the front window was smashed at Barner Realty and the front window was smashed at CFI Insurance.

At about 3:30 a.m. on May 27, the Berkeley Police Department recovered the stolen vehicle after it was involved in a collision with a building. The guitar stolen from "Guitar Center" was located in the vehicle. Police say the driver, identified as H. H. Bahn, 38, of San Francisco was arrested by Berkeley police and taken to the Alameda County Jail, Santa Rita Detention Facility.

A criminal complaint will be sought at the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office, any wit-

nesses to these events in El Cerrito are requested to contact Detective Robert De La Campa of the El Cerrito Police Department (510) 215-4422.

### Community Orchestra concert is June 4

ALBANY — The 60 member Albany Community Orchestra will present its 25th annual Spring Concert on Sunday, June 4 at 2 p.m. in the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.

Conductor Ernest Douglas will lead the orchestra in a performance of the Symphony #7 (the "Dance" symphony) by Beethoven, and Rossini's Overture to "William Tell." The Rossini Overture features solo passages by Eda Naranjo, cello; Richard Lohman, flute; and Marjorie Tavistock, English horn.

The concert's soloist will be flutist Richard Lohman, who will play "Poem" for flute and orchestra by the early 20th century American composer Charles Griffes. Lohman lives in Albany and, for many years, has been an outstanding math and science teacher at Albany High School. He has served as principal flute in the Albany Orchestra for the past ten years.

The concert is free and open to the public. Details: 925-934-3627.

### Activists call for anti-tobacco funding

A group of East Bay health activists is calling on the elected officials and policy makers of Contra Costa County to funnel tobacco lawsuit settlement funds into further smoking prevention measures.

In a position paper distributed to the county Board of Supervisors, city council members and community organizations, the Contra Costa To-

# Albany police officer honored by service club

By Dave Greer  
CORRESPONDENT

Officer John Geissberger is the newly-minted Officer of the Year for the Albany Police Department. He received the coveted award in ceremonies at a meeting of the Albany-El Cerrito Exchange Club.

The club sponsors the awards to outstanding law enforcement officers as part of its national crime prevention program. Also honored at last week's meeting in the Galileo Club in Richmond were officers from Berkeley, El Cerrito, the California Highway Patrol, BART, and the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department.

Geissberger and the other award winners received handsome wood and metal shield-shaped plaques. The Exchange Club also had Geissberger's name engraved on the large plaque with the names of past honorees on display in the Albany Police Station at 1000 San Pablo Ave.

Over 100 police officers as well as club members and many local dignitaries, including El Cerrito City Manager Gary Pokorny Superior

Court Judge Peter Berger, and Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia were present. Awards were made by master of ceremonies Howard Abelson and club president Chris Christian.

Albany Police Chief Larry Murdo told the group he met and was impressed by Geissberger when he was enrolled at Napa Valley Reserve Academy. Murdo was an instructor in the school and interested Geissberger in becoming an Albany reserve officer in September of 1994.

In July of 1997, Geissberger was hired as an officer by the Petaluma Police Department. "But I was able to lure him back to Albany in December of 1997," Murdo said. "He is currently performing as traffic officer, and last year issued some 800 moving violations, the largest number in the department. He is also a member of our hostage negotiation team."

The chief said he considered Geissberger "one of our greatest assets," and remarked on his "ability to defuse difficult situations." He added that the young officer has "a

rare charismatic quality about him, and the best smile in our business."

This ability to establish rapport with people is one of the Exchange Club's 10 criteria for receiving the Officer of the Year award. It comes under the heading of "community relations and community services." (See below for the qualifications.) Members of the individual law enforcement agencies nominate their choices for the honor, and the entire department votes on them.

Geissberger, 30, introduced his wife, Krista, whom he married two years ago, and his daughter, Lindsay, born on the 12th of last month, and spoke of his early attraction to law enforcement.

In an earlier interview, Geissberger said that while attending Saint Mary's College in Moraga, from which he was graduated with a degree in English, he ran a limo service and employed a deputy sheriff. Although he had been considering a career in dentistry — his two older brothers are dentists — the officer rekindled his interest in police work.

"I like working in a small town

like Albany," Geissberger said. "Here a lot of our job is helping people in various ways like getting them into their houses and cars when they lock themselves out."

Geissberger believes the skills he was taught in a hostage negotiation course are often useful in less dramatic situations. However, his primary task currently is "to work all traffic problems." Since the department is putting an emphasis on moving violations, particularly speeding, he may be often found patrolling Marin Avenue and environs.

Geissberger was the overwhelming choice of the Albany Police Department for Officer of the Year as judged by the remaining nine criteria: (1) Quality and quantity of work. (2) Length of time in police service. (3) Dedication to common tasks of police service. (4) Willingness to strive for department objectives. (5) Loyalty to law enforcement, the local department, and fellow officers. (6) Moral and physical courage. (7) Adaptability. (8) Appearance. (9) Job knowledge.

## New EC police chief sworn in

By J.R. Deaton  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — There were plenty of dress blue uniforms, family, friends, civic leaders, sparkling cider and smiles at new Police Chief Scott Kirkland's swearing in ceremony last week at the Public Safety Building.

More than 100 people attended Tuesday's ceremony, including several police chiefs from neighboring cities, current El Cerrito council members, past council members and mayors, and city police officers and fire fighters.

Kirkland's wife, Anne, and their two children, Tyler and Kaylynn, were there to see husband and dad sworn in by City Clerk Linda Giddings. Kirkland's parents, John and Betty Kirkland, flew in from Rochester, N.Y., to attend the ceremony.

"I stand here today a proud and thankful person," Kirkland told those assembled. "I am thankful for the opportunity that has been presented to me by the city manager, Gary Pokorny."

The new chief said he is proud of the "rich heritage of our department" and said he looks forward to working "with all members of the community" to make El Cerrito a better place to live, work and visit.

"I cannot do it by myself. I will need the assistance of all members of the department, the city and the community."

"We're very happy to have Scott as our police chief," Mayor Mark Friedman said in greeting remarks just prior to the new chief being sworn in.

Kirkland's chief of police badge was pinned onto his uniform by his father John Kirkland, a retired Marine Corps officer and former A6A jet test pilot.

"I thought he would be chief someday, but not this soon," said Kirkland's mother Betty Kirkland. "It's a job he loves" she said when asked about her son's decision to become a police officer. "We're just very proud of him — we wouldn't have missed it for the world," she said before the ceremony.



JOHN KIRKLAND, a retired Marine Corps officer and former A6A jet test pilot, pins the police chief's badge on his son Scott.

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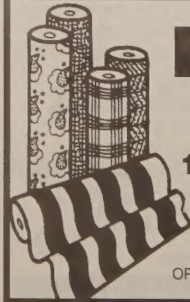
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# Opinion

## VIEWPOINT

### Update on regional parks Proposition 12

By Pat O'Brien

GENERAL MANAGER,  
EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

With the approval by voters on March 7 of Proposition 12, the State Park Bond Act, the East Bay Regional Park District and other public agencies will receive badly needed capital funds to help preserve and enhance the region's natural beauty. Prop. 12 authorized the state to sell \$2.1 billion in bonds to finance parkland preservation and capital projects on the state, regional and local levels. It is expected that capital funding distribution will be administered by the State Department of Parks & Recreation. Prop. 12 named several high priority projects for which funds likely will be available as soon as applications are received by the state: Camp Arroyo is an environmental education camp now under construction at Lake Del Valle near Fremont. During the school year, the camp will offer hands-on environmental education for schoolchildren. In the summer it will be a summer camp for terminally ill children from throughout the Bay Area.

The park district is partnering with The Taylor Family Foundation to open Camp Open Arms on this property (\$2 million). The Delta Science Center, a proposed new visitor center showcasing the fascinating natural history of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The District is a partner with several other agencies on this project. (\$2 million) A connection between the Delta and the Horse Regional Trail in Contra Costa, linking central Contra Costa with a new recreational trail. (\$1 million) Extension of the Iron Horse Trail in the Tri-Valley, a 15-mile linear park joining Alameda and Contra Costa County. (\$300,000)

Another component of the State Park Bond Act is its per capita program, in which bond funds are distributed to public agencies in proportion to their population. Related to the per capita program is the Robert Z'berg-Harris program, which allocates funds to help meet recreational needs of special populations. These two programs will bring new and active recreational facilities and other sites throughout the Bay Area.

The Park District's best estimate of its per capita program share

will be approximately \$7.8 million, with an additional \$3.8 million from Robert Z'berg-Harris. These funds likely will not be available until late 2001 or early 2002. Park District staff is now compiling a list of projects for which per capita funds will be sought, and every East Bay community will benefit.

Local agencies will not simply receive disbursements based on their population. They will have to apply to the state for funding of specific projects.

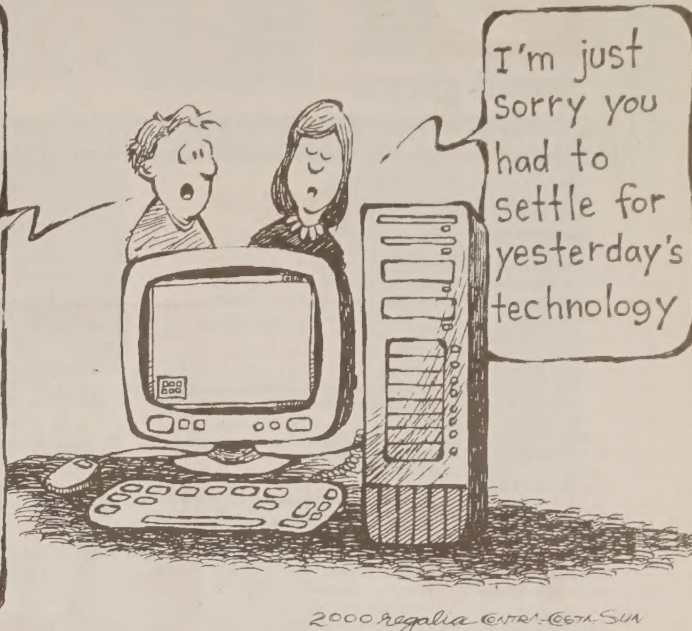
Finally, the State Park Bond Act includes competitive grant programs, a pool of funds for which the park district will be eligible to apply in competition with other public agencies, starting in mid-2001. Potentially the district could be awarded as much as \$10 million in grant money for programs such as riparian habitat restoration, wildlife habitat preservation, bay access, and more.

On the same ballot as the State Park Bond Act, voters also approved Proposition 13, the Safe Drinking Water Bond Act. Proposition 13 authorizes sale of \$1.97 billion in bonds to finance projects such as watershed protection, water supply, safe drinking water and conservation.

Like the State Park Bond Act, the water bonds include \$2 million for the Delta Science Center. Beyond that there may be grant opportunities for park district watershed, stream and other habitat protection and restoration projects, though amounts are difficult to determine. For the public, the success of Propositions 12 and 13 translates into preservation of more beautiful open space and wildlife habitat, as well as creation of much-needed recreational facilities to meet the demands of a growing population. Money that comes to the district as a result of Propositions 12 and 13 must be used for capital (park) construction, land acquisition, or historic site restoration — in other words for public acquisition, development and restoration.

The money cannot be used for non-public purposes such as routine ongoing maintenance, operational expenses, supplies and services, or purchase of vehicles and equipment. Since the park district is facing increasing costs to operate and maintain its present parklands and to open new parklands that it has acquired, district officials are exploring other sources of revenue for these purposes.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Plant sale benefits Baxter Creek

The second Annual Friends of Baxter Creek Plant Sale is Saturday June 3, 10 am to 2 p.m. There will be plants, planters, plant books, some food, entertainment, and people to talk about plans for the Creek and plants, native and exotic. Also Friends of Baxter Creek t-shirts featuring frogs in front and "Life's a Ditch, Baxter isn't" on the back. The best plants sell out early, so try and come in the morning.

The sale is at El Cerrito's Baxter Creek, at the northern end of the Ohlone Greenway, one block east of San Pablo Ave. (across from Home Depot), on Key Boulevard at Conlon.

There has been progress since last year. Friends of Baxter Creek is now under the non profit wings of the Aquatic Outreach Institute in Richmond. Hundreds more people know about our "creeklet" and our embryo park. Many want to see the Ohlone Greenway connected to the future Greenway along the BART track in Richmond, so one can eventually bike or stroll all the way from Berkeley to Richmond and the Bay trail. Others realize Baxter's potential as a small urban park, badly needed in the crowded industrial and commercial San Pablo Ave. area. Friends of Baxter Creek have a web site at <http://www.creativeidifferences.com/baxtercreek>

The use of "biospheres," small areas of land reclaimed from industrial areas, replanted with native plants, is spreading. These little green-spaces literally "give us a breathing space" in the midst of the noxious air and noise of the modern world. They enhance the quality of life in the commercial and residential areas around them.

This year's Plant Sale organizer is Emmy Damon @ 510-233-5795. Come and see Baxter Creek, donate plants or money, buy plants and garden things. Talk with plant, creek and park lovers. Enjoy!

Rosemary Loubal,  
El Cerrito

### We must agree

We know that sprawl development is wasteful of resources and bad for our environment, but we also know that it provides homes for the middle class and revenue for developers.

We know we don't like congestion on our roads, but too many of us are unwilling to give up our personal car and ride public transit, even just for commuting.

Unless we can make the fundamental agreement to change our laws so that sprawl and congestion are no longer the result of deliberate public policy, then all the talk on this subject is so much blowing air.

We seem to have made the agreement that cigarette sales profits are less important than public health. Now, are suburban development and the single-occupant car still more impor-

tant than our public environment?

Steve Geller  
El Cerrito

### Problems of sprawl must be studied

The Sierra Club recently released a report called "Sprawl costs us all — How your taxes fuel suburban sprawl." The most obvious effects of sprawl — loss of open space, increased traffic congestion, loss of community vitality in older urban areas — are only part of the problem.

Roads to new developments are an obvious tax expense. The cost of new roads often crowds out spending for alternatives, such as public transit. The result: In many places the automobile is the only choice, or the only realistic choice.

Less obvious problems the report details are schools and utilities and services.

Sprawl often forces school districts to blow their budgets building new schools rather than making our school system great.

The high cost of extending water and sewer systems, as well as providing police, fire and emergency medical services, is rarely paid for by new development.

Fortunately, in Contra Costa, the problems of sprawl are recognized by many of our elected officials and civic leaders. The county Board of Supervisors has taken a positive approach in ordering a comprehensive study of the Urban Limit Line.

You can support them in this by calling or writing your supervisor to thank him or her for this effort. Special thanks for their leadership go to supervisors Donna Gerber and Joe Cancianilla.

Get the Sierra Club sprawl report by calling 415-977-5653 or at [www.sierraclub.org](http://www.sierraclub.org).

Mike Daley  
El Cerrito

Daley is the conservation coordinator of Sierra Club San Francisco Bay Chapter.

### A grateful family

Our family would like to express our thanks to the people who helped when my mother, Esperanza Manqueros, recently suffered a heart attack. The El Cerrito Fire Department arrived within one minute of our 911 call and American Medical Response paramedics quickly followed.

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My mother was taken to Kaiser Permanente's Richmond Emergency Room. We cannot tell you how relieved we are to have this ER and hospital available close to home. Her care at Kaiser was exemplary. The physicians and staff ensured that my mother received the best care possible, and the facility was clean,

bright and cheerful.

We would especially like to thank Kaiser's ICU nurses for their attentive, warm, informative and efficient care. You honor your profession.

Martha Manqueros  
Richmond

### We deserve better

What does Albertson's have against the residents of El Cerrito? Do they treat their neighbors in Boise, Idaho (the company's headquarters) as shabbily as they are treating us? What we are experiencing is not what Albertson's Web page would have us believe.

I have shopped at the store on San Pablo Avenue at Portola Drive for almost 20 years. Many of my neighbors have shopped at this location since before its purchase by Lucky Stores.

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Quite often, now, we are greeted by many empty shelves; to prices higher than those of the competition across the street (Albertson's Bonus Buy program fools no one); and employee morale reaching a seemingly all-time low because they cannot give the good service they are used to giving.

It appears Albertson's is cutting corners in all the wrong places. In the last few weeks, there are fewer employees on duty at any given time, and although it is apparent they are trying to maintain their loyalty to the company, their frustration level is often quite obvious.

All of us here in El Cerrito, shoppers and the staff who are our neighbors and our friends, deserve better treatment than this. Going back to giving the good service we enjoyed prior to the takeover by Albertson's might also increase their stock performance to the level it enjoyed last year before the takeover.

J. Ashley Larmuth  
El Cerrito

### Good choice!

The El Cerrito City Council deserves a big thank you for taking the initiative in appointing a police chief from within its own police department.

The selection of Scott Kirkland as police chief, who has an excellent record and 21 years of service, will boost the department's morale, which has been low for the last two years.

Congratulations to Chief Kirkland — and a job well done by the council members.

Lee Pernich  
El Cerrito

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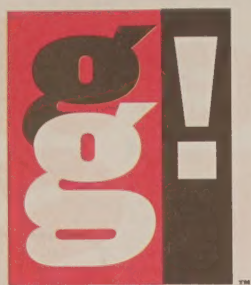
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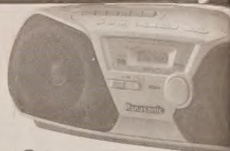
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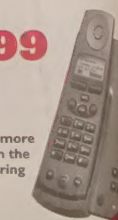
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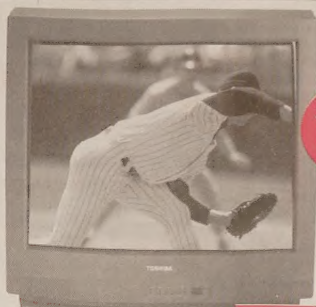
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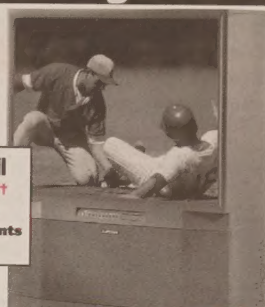
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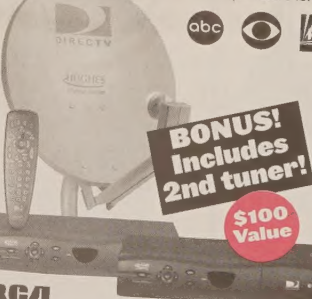


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## New police chief to address Chamber meeting

Scott Kirkland, the city's new police chief, will address the next business luncheon meeting of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, June 27, at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club.

The subject of Chief Kirkland's talk will be "What Your Police Department Can Do For The Business Community." This session will be open to all members of the Chamber and their guests.

Reservations are required, and may be made by contacting the Chamber office at 510-233-7040 on or before Friday, June 23.

The chief's talk will highlight the final monthly business luncheon to be held before the organization takes its traditional summer break. The meetings are scheduled to resume in September. Despite the break, it will be "business as usual" at the Chamber office throughout July and August.

Kirkland, a veteran of 21 years with the El Cerrito Police Department, beat out some 30 other candidates from throughout the state for the post of police chief here.

The new chief, whose appointment was announced in mid-May, had worked his way through the ranks of the ECPD since joining the department in May of 1979.

Since July, 1993, Kirkland has served as police commander in the 34-officer department. Prior to that

he served as patrol officer, sergeant and lieutenant - covering virtually all areas of police operations and management over the course of his career with the El Cerrito department.

### New member's open house

Sylvan Learning Center, newest member of the El Cerrito Chamber, will play host to teachers, students, parents and members of the community at their new local facility at 10612 San Pablo Avenue today from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Both city and Chamber officials will be on hand at the "Open House" this afternoon for ribbon-cutting festivities. In addition to demonstrating how Sylvan helps students achieve greater academic success, the public will be given the opportunity to enjoy snacks, juice, and fun games with prizes.

Sylvan's new El Cerrito facility is located in the former Citibank building at San Pablo Avenue and Moers Lane (behind the gas station in the Safeway parking lot).

The center, which offers classes in remedial and enrichment education for students K through 12th grade, will be represented on the Chamber by its director, Annette Mixon.

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### Two more reinvest

In recent weeks two more local firms have shown their support for the El Cerrito Chamber by reinvesting in the organization for another year.

Officials of the Chamber would like to express their gratitude to ACM Enterprises Plaza Beauty Supply, Chevron, USA and Foley and Bonny for extending their membership.

### Benefit barbecue set

The El Cerrito Lions Club, a long-time Associate Member of the Chamber, will stage its 13th annual Benefit Tri-Tip Barbecue from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at the Masonic Center at 6922 Stockton Ave.

The event is open to the public and tickets are \$12.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children. Tickets may be obtained in advance from any member of the Lions Club or may be purchased at the door on the day of the event.



**CONGRATULATING THE JOCKEY** who rode Pleasant Aspect to victory in the recent El Cerrito Handicap at Golden Gate fields is this group of representatives from the Chamber of Commerce. Pictured from right are: Chamber Manager Sewall Ginterick, Chamber Director Marge Collins, jockey Norman Rodriguez, Chamber Secretary Pat Berndt, and Chamber member Verne Odlin.

chased at the door on the day of the event.

All proceeds from the barbecue will benefit the Lions Blind Centers in Oakland and Diablo Valley.

### Summer Salsa slated

The merchants of El Cerrito Plaza, most of whom are Chamber members, will hold a free "Summer Salsa" in connection with this Saturday's Farmers' Market.

Scheduled to run from 1 p.m. in the Plaza's parking lot, this special event will feature music, food, demonstrations, and a special drawing.

## OBITUARY

### Pansy E. Mitchell

Pansy E. Mitchell died in El Cerrito on May 25 at the age of 88. She was a native of Missouri and a long-time El Cerrito resident.

She was the wife of the late Elmer R. Mitchell and mother of Norma Jean Vilov and Tom of Pocomoke City, Maryland and Ronald L.

Mitchell and Jeanie of Colorado Spring, Colorado.

She was also the grandmother of six, three step-grandchildren and two great-granddaughters. Other survivors are her sister Mabel Evans of San Ramon and Ivan Carden of Lodi, plus several nieces.

Pansy was a longtime member of Trinity Evangelical Free Church in

El Cerrito and the El Cerrito Garden Club.

Friends are invited to attend services Friday, June 2 at 1 p.m. at Trinity Evangelical Free Church, 7200 Schmidt Lane. Committal service at

Sunset Mausoleum in El Cerrito to follow.

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have just been puzzling over a child's book that I cannot begin to understand. It is for young Chinese, and although it is about drawing the patterns for drawing the Chinese characters that are letters of the language, and gives the equivalent of the sound character makes, it is still Chinese to me. If I knew how to use a computer (which I could draw the characters "ren yi ren" (you have to use the marks over the vowels) I certainly couldn't tell what they say.

curiosity is piqued, and I don't have the dedication to try to learn it.

all of this came about when I interviewed Anthony Wang, the director of the Albany-Berkeley Concept Chinese School. We are old friends. I had interviewed and written about him and

about the school when he opened it last fall. The whole idea interested me then, and I was delighted when he called again.

This time Wang wanted to talk about how well the school was doing — the original 30 students have grown to 60 — and what it is doing for the summer. But he also wanted to tell me about an educational tour in China "Endorsed by the Chinese Government agencies." It is, the letter he gave me tells us, "Educational and Cultural Experience in China for Students and Teachers". It is sponsored by the Hope Foundation, which is "dedicated in educational and cultural exchange."

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Cotta Army of 6,000 life-size warriors, and other historical relics and scenic spots. Thanks to Hope Foundation who made it possible by raising funds through tremendous efforts for this project which has been endorsed by the Chinese government agencies and various organizations from the very beginning."

Helena Yau is the director of the Hope Foundation, and since it's address is the same as that of the New Concept Chinese School, and since one is invited to call Anthony Wang about the trip, I gather that the Hope Foundation is centered there.

The itinerary sounds wonderful. And although you travel throughout China, it is not one of those trips in which the group moves every day. It includes Beijing, of course, including the Great Hall of the People, the Children's Palace, the Great Wall, The Forbidden City

and more. The Xian and the Terra Cotta Army, Nanjing, Suzhou, Zhou Zhuang (one of the best preserved ancient villages in China), Hangzhou and Shanghai. It includes many activities for children, when the adults are invited to go sightseeing. 15 very exciting days. And at \$1568 per person, it seems fairly inexpensive, as travel goes. Mmmmm. I'm thinking on it.

The other thing Anthony Wang wanted to show me was the summer program for the school. The school is held in Albany, at 720 Jackson St., in the old Vista School site. A really lovely site, by the way. It shares the area with a Montessori preschool.

Their summer camp will be held from June 19 through Aug. 25, a total of 10 weeks. It is for children 5 to 12 years old, in kindergarten through seventh grade. It includes Pinyin, Chinese writing, reading and speaking, And the same sub-

jects in English: Math, sports and games, field trips, and optional classes in swimming, dance, chess, violin keyboard and cello.

Wang thought it was a well rounded, interesting program for the children for the summer, and says several of their regular students are signing up. The registration time is the weekend of June 16, 17 and 18. Interested persons are invited to write to them at 720 Jackson St., Ste A, Albany, CA 94706 or call Wang at 525-9666,

He showed me some of the classrooms, and I was charmed with the work of the Kindergarten children. The Chinese characters they have drawn are beautiful, and their art work is lovely.

Of course, anyone wanting to know more about the school, the summer sessions or the trip are invited to call Mr. Wang at the above number (525-9666).

## Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

As Anthony Wang called me a second time, so many of the people I interview and write about do also. For instance, Mr. Julius Palffy-Alpar, the fencing master, about whom I wrote in April, has called again to tell me he has some great stories about two American generals. I do intend to get back to him to hear those stories, and bring them to you. I thank Anthony Wang for calling me (and for inviting me to join the group going to China. Still thinking). And I invite all of you to give me your ideas: interesting people, events, organizations, travel. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706, or call me at 525-4585. My email is [rgenser@aol.com](mailto:rgenser@aol.com).

## IN BRIEF

### Sierra Club announces \$650,000 grant for outdoor youth programs

The Sierra Club and The Sierra Foundation launched a new program called the Youth in Wilderness Project, by awarding \$650,000 grants to schools, residential camps and other organizations, to provide outdoor learning and wilderness opportunities for low-income youth in Northern California. The Berkeley-Albany YMCA received a \$15,000 grant for Camp Gualala Outreach. Camp Gualala Outreach is a program designed to provide second through sixth graders in South and West Berkeley to participate in a wilderness education program at Gualala in Sonoma County. Enrolled in the Camp Gualala program will enjoy a variety of camp activities, such as: aquatics, sports, hiking, and eco-art. In addition to camp activities, youth also participate in a daily environmental education program.

"It is every child's right to have opportunity to experience and enjoy the richness of nature," said Carl Sierra Club executive director. "Unfortunately, low-income children are not given access to their birthright — to enjoy our natural wilderness heritage. All children should have this opportunity."

### Children's book author brings story fun to central library

Library resident Judy Sierra, author of children's books and well-known storyteller, will present a program for children at Berkeley's Central Library, 2121 Allston Way, on Saturday, June 3 at 10 a.m. Sierra has been a puppeteer, author, storyteller, librarian and professor and now spends her time writing and visiting libraries. Her most recent work is "Baby Belly Buttons," a Japanese tale about a brave girl who saves a band of baby-napping. Other books for children in the folktales "Wiley and the Man" and "The Dancing Pig" "Counting Crocodiles" and "The Antics: A Book of Penguin" both of which are Scholastic Club selections. She has written several books on folktales and puppetry for adults and has written children's books scheduled for publication in 2000.

June 3, she will read from her books and tell some of her favorite stories. Sierra appears as part of the Berkeley Public Library's "Wild About Books" program which features stories, crafts, and other activities for children ages three to seven and their

For further information about Sierra's performance or other Berkeley Public Library programs, please call the Children's Services Department at 649-

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### A musical returning to popular demand

"Good News" a musical farce by third-graders at Cragmont Elementary School in Berkeley is returning to the stage.

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## BART

FROM PAGE A1

The majority of the neighbors who attended and spoke up at last Thursday's meeting at the Senior Center agreed that neighborhood parking enforcement needs more emphasis.

Most, but not all, agreed that some type of increased non-resident, four-hour parking restrictions will be needed.

Whether to make the four-hour restrictions for non-residents on one side or both sides of nearby neighborhood streets remains a question.

Most of the 30 residents at the meeting seemed to be leaning towards making any new restricted areas one-sided, at least during a trial period, while making current restricted areas two-sided.

Others wanted the current four-hour restrictions kept to one side of the street, as long as the four-hour zones are expanded to other neighborhoods in the area, while at least one person wanted only one-sided four-hour restrictions, period.

Another resident suggested a "wait and see" approach to possible future parking problems.

"I think the consensus really is there's no total consensus," Mayor Mark Friedman said at the end of the more than two hour meeting.

Longtime Liberty Street resident Philip Musto, and others at the meeting, said the current four-hour residential zones are not enforced by the police. "I've got four-hour parking — it's a joke," Musto said. "The man, half the time, doesn't come by; the days he comes by, lots of times we don't see him again."

Many of the attendees said that, especially if the four-hour restrictions are approved for both sides of the street, some type of guest placard or sticker needs to be available to residents so that friends and family can visit without being ticketed.

The possibility of paid on-street parking spaces in some non-residential areas adjacent to the BART parking lots was also discussed.

"Since these are BART patrons and it's a BART problem, I think BART should be solving their parking problems," resident Sandy Shew said at the meeting. Shew and her husband, Alfred, have lived on Everett Street near the Plaza for 28 years. "When you open a business, you're supposed to have enough parking for your patrons."

"BART's been at the table with us," said Community Development Manager Gerald Raycraft. "They've been working with us on providing alternatives — but at this point in time, we're not going to wait. There's just no way that BART's going to solve this problem."

What's going to happen after the northern Plaza lot is fenced off is not clear because of several variables.

Parking studies and BART surveys have shown that 48 percent of the Plaza and Plaza-area BART parkers are El Cerrito, Richmond and Albany residents who live less than one mile away from the station.

Seventy-five percent of the Plaza BART parkers live within a two-mile circle of the station.

Raycraft and Planning Manager Jill Keimach said many of these "opportunity parkers" may walk to BART, use public transit to get there or use other BART parking after the Plaza lot is fenced off. "We're not entirely sure that 1,000 cars will end up (parked) on the streets in the neighborhoods," Raycraft said.

According to Keimach, fliers will be distributed this week that tell BART parkers specifically how long it will take in minutes to get to downtown San Francisco if they were to take the ferry or AC Transit or other public transportation.

"What we're trying to do is proactively show people that they can easily get into San Francisco in a number of different ways that do not include parking in the neighborhoods," Keimach said at the meeting.

City staff has also mailed out surveys to area residents to gather public opinion about what to do about parking problems after the Plaza lot closes. Raycraft said the city has received 83 survey responses.

Ultimately, the City Council will have to approve any changes in the neighborhood parking restrictions.

## Thefts

FROM PAGE A1

Landerman, owner of Audacity Designs gift shop on Solano Avenue in Berkeley. "I've been working very hard since then trying to cancel everything."

Landerman remembers two women coming in around noon on May 13. One of the women kept her busy for about 30-45 minutes.

"One kept asking me to get out shoes — it didn't seem real," Landerman said.

Landerman wasn't aware the wallet was missing until someone called at 5:30 p.m. claiming he was a police officer holding the thief at El Cerrito Plaza. He passed the phone to a woman claiming to be from the

bank. She began to pepper Landerman with curious questions.

"I had a store full of people, but I said 'Are you asking me my secret code?'" said Landerman, who hung up and called El Cerrito police. They knew nothing about the call.

The suspects surfaced four days later at Heartland Treasures in Pinole. One asked owner Frances Wandel to see a wreath while the other grabbed her wallet.

"I only had a dollar in it, so that was good news," she said.

The bad news: They got her credit cards. A man claiming to be a San Pablo police officer called later, saying he'd arrested the suspect and wanted her to speak to a bank official. She declined to answer questions about her Social Security number. They hung up.

The suspects appeared at 3 p.m.

the same day, May 17, at Sisters antique store on Solano Avenue in Albany. One woman tricked owner Gayle Davis into going to the back of the store, while the other snatched her appointment book, wallet, and a bank bag containing \$400. A "bank teller" called 30 minutes later.

"I said 'What are some of your co-workers' names?' and she hung up," said Davis.

Albany police Lt. Bill Palmieri said the merchants are asking the right questions. He said the scam seemed original.

"It actually sounds pretty good," said Palmieri. "But (Davis) was pretty sharp. She asked who it was she was speaking to, and they hung up."

Palmieri said police agencies are working together on the cases.

In three of the cases, the merchants describe two women enter-

ing their stores around the same time — one possibly posing as the other with shoulder-length braids, mixed with a few pig tails — and a man calling the store.

The Martinez theft involved men in the store, with a woman entering the ensuing call.

Berkeley police captain Miller said, "Right now, we don't have any leads." Miller says officials from different cities communicate and compare notes on crimes across jurisdiction lines. Reported 10 similar cases are reviewed.

Typically, he said, suspects in these cases travel a short distance to commit the crimes, but are caught when they start to act closer to home.

"It hasn't gotten to the point where we are planning a search," Miller said.

## Witnesses sought in BART path incident

EL CERRITO — Police are seeking witnesses to a fight between three men that took place May 31 at about 10 p.m. on the Ohlone Greenway near the Plaza BART station.

Responding to reports of the fight, officers located a 50-year-old male lying on the BART path who had sustained facial fractures and facial injuries. The victim was transported to

John Muir Medical Center by CAL-Star and treated for his injuries.

Preliminary investigation and statements from independent witnesses indicate the male was involved in a verbal altercation with the other two subjects prior to being attacked.

Any witnesses to the incident are being asked to call the El Cerrito Police Department.

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## Art

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and to beautify peoples' lives."

Duffy painted the bench in the colorful straight-line style of Dutch painter Piet Mondrian. Blue, yellow, red and white rectangles and squares are separated by black stripes.

Duffy's increasingly well-known "Mondrian Mobile" can be seen cruising El Cerrito streets. For last week's dedication, the artist wore her Mondrian-inspired outfit that included dress, shoes, hat and purse painted Mondrian-style.

"I'm really hoping that this is a prototype of a group of art benches that go across our whole city," Duffy said. "It makes you feel good," Duffy said about her art bench. "It's fun — it's happy — it catches you off guard. I think that's art at its best; when it startles you, but then you laugh or smile — it makes you happy."

The art bench project is sponsored by Sustainable El Cerrito, a six-year-old organization that promotes sustainable development in the city. Sustainable El Cerrito organized the effort and provided the supplies. Duffy donated more than 60 hours of time to make the art bench a reality.

"It's going to be an ongoing project, this is just the first bench," said Sustainable El Cerrito Chairwoman Lori Dair.

Councilwoman Janet Abelson, AC Transit director Miriam Hawley and other transit officials attended the art bench dedication as did city staff who had helped facilitate the project.



## ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein  
CORRESPONDENT

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**Albany PTA Council**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR!** If you are new to PTA, consider volunteering to serve on a committee; if you have already done so, consider serving as an officer. Volunteering is very rewarding and serves our children and community well!

**Cornell Elementary**

SCRIP sales. Safeway scrip must be purchased from eScrip (1-800-400-7878). Andronico's scrip may be purchased at school. Natural Grocery and Berkeley Bowl SCRIP for sale Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:15-9:45 and Wednesday after school from 4:14 PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m. June 15, Site Council Meeting

**Albany High School**

AHS PTA and receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by email. Contact Ruth Gjerde at [ruthg@ecps.berkeley.edu](mailto:ruthg@ecps.berkeley.edu)

SCRIP Orders: Safeway and Andronico's scrip must be purchased from eScrip (1-800-400-7878). We are selling Natural Grocery scrip, and arranging for Albertson's Community Partners cards. Call Linda Okamoto at 525-6782 or Berkeley Bowl at 525-2429. E-mail Linda at [okamoto@cho.org](mailto:okamoto@cho.org) or Belinda at [okamoto@pacbell.net](mailto:okamoto@pacbell.net)

2. Senior Lunch (for senior parents) Giving Awards Assembly parent VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to 1. Prepare program, 2. Provide green salad, 3. Help at the event, 4. Make monetary donations; call Vera Paraschak at 525-6782 or Lynn Quirulo at 527-0709 or e-mail [quirulo@pacbell.net](mailto:quirulo@pacbell.net)

3. Theater Study Class Presents the How's short play "Museum," 1:30-2:30 p.m., AHS Little Theater, FREE

4. PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Library

5. Site Council Meeting, 6 p.m., AHS Main Office

6. Graduation, 8 p.m., Berkeley Community Theater

7. Grad Night CHAPTERONES

NEEDED, call Vickie Diaz at 525-6322

**Marin Elementary School**

SCRIP for sale Monday and Friday mornings before school, at both early and late bird times. Orders can be placed in office at any time. Safeway scrip must be purchased from eScrip (1-800-400-7878). Andronico's scrip may be purchased from eScrip, or paper scrip may be purchased at school. Natural Grocery and Albertson's scrip may be purchased at school

Reminder: Please remember to save and turn in General Mills boxtops for education to office

June 8, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Marin Multi-Purpose Room

June 15, Site Council Meeting

**Albany Middle School**

Join AMS PTA and receive important announcements by e-mail. Contact Linda Okamoto at [cho.pn.lo@cho.org](mailto:cho.pn.lo@cho.org)

SCRIP Orders: Safeway and Andronico's scrip must be purchased from eScrip (1-800-400-7878). We are selling Natural Grocery scrip, and arranging for Albertson's Community Partners cards. Call Karen Moss at 526-2018 or Linda Okamoto at 525-6782. E-mail Linda at [cho.pn.lo@cho.org](mailto:cho.pn.lo@cho.org)

May 31, American Dance Festival Assembly, NOON - 3 PM. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for this

Event featuring Native American, Hawaiian and Swing Dancers; Call Eliza Hess at 524-1018

June 7, Seventh Grade Potluck, 6 to 8 p.m., AMS Atrium

June 8, Site Council Meeting, 6 p.m., AMS Library

June 15, Graduation

June 15, Eighth Grade Dance, 9 - 11 p.m., (sixth and seventh grade parent VOLUNTEERS NEEDED as chaperones; contact Dolores Dalton at [kevlb@aol.com](mailto:kevlb@aol.com))

**AUSD Calendar**

Kindergarten Registration: Call Elementary School closest to your residence June 16, Last Day of School, MINIMUM DAY

**Ocean View Elementary**

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**Board of Education**

June 13, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room. Vote on adoption of textbooks for AMS social studies, AHS ninth grade earth science

and 10th, 11th and 12th grade social studies. Parents can view proposed textbooks at District Service Center, 904 Talbot, Monday-Friday, 9-4 p.m.

Items? Call Kay Weinstein at 525-0363 or email: [kayweinstein@yahoo.com](mailto:kayweinstein@yahoo.com)

## CORRECTION

On May 15 the Albany City Council voted 4-1 to approve a final draft of the Albany Traffic Management Plan rather than 3-2 as reported in the May 19 issue of The Journal. In the final vote, only Councilman Robert Good turned thumbs down on the plan while

Mayor Jon Ely and council members Allan Maris, Peggy Thomsen and Ed McManus approved it

Remarks by Albany Police Chief Larry Murdo at the end of the story were made during a separate interview and not during the meeting

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## EL CERRITO KENSINGTON PTA NEWS

**El Cerrito Elementary**

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**WCCUSD Calendar**

Kindergarten registration is ongoing. Call the school nearest your residence.

June 16, Last day of school. Noon dismissal

Aug. 29, First Day of 2000-01 school year.

**WCCUSD Board of Education**

June, meeting at 7 p.m., Kennedy High School in Richmond

Items? Call Linda Takimoto at 237-6183 or email: [ltakimoto@yahoo.com](mailto:ltakimoto@yahoo.com)

**St. Ignace Elementary**

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decommissioned. On it, someone had scrawled a picture of a face with tears running down the cheeks, along with the words, "Goodbye, Old Gray Lady."

But today, there are nothing but smiles. Welcome home, Gray Lady. It's good to have you back.

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## Pokorny

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job that provides such coverage.

### Bone of contention

The November 1997 employment agreement referred to in the retirement agreement allowed the city manager to refinance his El Cerrito home, and repay and end a 1989 equity sharing agreement between him and the city.

That equity sharing agreement in Pokorny's residence amounted to \$150,000 and was intended to help make up the disparity between housing costs in El Cerrito and those in Corvallis, Ore., where Pokorny previously worked.

"Repayment of the \$150,000 shall be full satisfaction of this agreement," the 1997 employment agreement states. "At such time as this payment is made, this Section 22 relating to housing assistance shall have no effect and shall be stricken from this agreement."

The equity sharing agreement had entitled the city to a share in any appreciation of the property's value upon its sale or to interest of 7 percent, whichever was greater.

Larry Damon, then a councilman-elect, questioned the city manager's employment agreement at the Nov. 17, 1997 City Council meeting and afterwards. Damon has called the 1997 agreement between Pokorny and the city an "18-month full compensation golden parachute" or "golden handshake" for the city manager.

The amount advanced under the equity sharing agreement was to become due in 1999, or upon sale of the residence, or upon Pokorny leaving the city's employment.

"Compound interest is assumed," Damon said in a February 1999 statement about the employment agreement. "Calculated on this basis from

inception to 1998, fulfillment of the obligation would require a payment of \$275,769. This is \$125,769 short of the \$150,000 amount shown in the (June 30, 1997) budget report," Damon wrote. "By this act, the 1997 council seems to have forgiven the accumulated interest of \$125,769."

Damon also pointed out that the 1997 City Council "apparently felt the action was justified" and adds "I was not privy to their deliberations."

Damon and others have also complained about the language of the 1997 employment agreement. This week he characterized it as "clearly misleading."

Mayor Mark Friedman said about the 1997 agreement, "I think that the murkiness of the equity vs. the loan repayment should have been handled in a much clearer way."

In a talk last year with The Journal, Pokorny said the termination of the equity sharing agreement as part of his 1997 employment agreement was neither a "gift" nor a "bonus." He characterized the agreement as a "consideration for future services" for his work as city manager.

Last July, El Cerrito resident Bob Winslow and others filed a claim with the city about the November 1997 City Council action.

This week, Winslow said he is unhappy with Pokorny's retirement agreement recently passed by the council. Asked if he is contemplating future legal action, Winslow said "I can't tell you that because I don't know for sure."

### Resolution?

Notwithstanding Winslow's possible legal action, Pokorny's retirement and the retirement agreement unanimously approved by the council may have resolved the matter.

Mayor Friedman said he thinks the retirement agreement will put the 1997 employment agreement controversy to rest. Friedman said the possibility of a

lawsuit resulted in some of the harsher-sounding language in the retirement agreement.

Friedman said he is pleased with Pokorny's years of service to El Cerrito and that "I think that he gave his heart and soul to the community for 11 years and we were lucky to have him."

"The continuation of this thing could have been very divisive in the community," Damon said earlier this week. "There are strong opinions on both sides and it is not something we want. We've got too much work in front of us. I'm willing to accept this (retirement agreement) in the interest of avoiding divisiveness."

"I believe that the agreement is equitable to both sides and it will finesse what would otherwise be a very difficult and contentious proceeding," Damon added.

The agreement itself states that "The city agrees to defend . . . release and indemnify Pokorny from any claim which could be asserted by the city or any other person regarding the 1989 equity sharing agreement between the city and Pokorny, the 1997 city manager employment agreement and to any of the matters contained in the claim filed by Robert L. Winslow, et al. on or about July 21, 1999."

"In regards to this provision," the agreement adds, "The City Council wishes it understood that this present council would not have approved the 1997 city manager employment agreement in its present form, particularly in the manner in which it terminated the 1989 equity sharing agreement."

The retirement agreement also stipulates that the city's obligation "to defend . . . release and indemnify" Pokorny does not "extend to any matter between Pokorny and federal or state authorities relating to the tax consequences to Pokorny" resulting from the 1997 employment agreement.

## Softball league's field gets stay of execution

By Clare Curley

STAFF WRITER

UC Berkeley's announcement that it will probably postpone housing development on a field that straddles Berkeley and Albany should evoke at least a temporary sigh of relief from some 300 girls throughout the East Bay.

The land, known as East Fielding Field, has provided a place for the Albany-Berkeley Girls Softball League to play and practice for six years. Following a year extension of its lease with the university, the league faces the danger of becoming homeless — again.

However, university director of physical and environmental planning Tom Lollini says the university is rethinking its decision to develop new housing on East Fielding, opting to renovate its 1960s units at the adjacent University Village instead.

"There will probably be a delay," that could be for a year or indefinitely, said Lollini.

Given that uncertainty, the league, which draws members from an area extending from Oakland to Richmond, may have reason to worry. Kitty-corner from the field, members can get a glance of Dowling Park, apparently the only available plot of land in the area that could provide a new playing field for several sports groups. The university has agreed to sell the land to the City of Albany for \$65,000, and the city is prepared to purchase it.

But developing the field, it turns out, will require a bit more than laying down four bases and a backstop.

Whereas a contractor estimated the cost of development at \$2 million, Albany is only prepared to pay half that amount.

Dowling Park is bordered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture laboratory parking lot to the north, Fielding Field to the south, railroad tracks to the west and university housing to the east. For over a year, officials from the Albany and UC Berkeley have been negotiating its fate, but a reso-

lution is nowhere in sight.

The design proposed by the city includes a soccer field, softball field, a practice field, batting cages and maintenance facility, not to mention utility poles and bicycle trails. This lengthy list of items has proven costly and won't materialize if the city doesn't also address the drainage problem caused by the site's proximity to Codornices Creek.

"The City of Albany needs to know they're going to be able to do work involved with the creek. That takes it out of our control," said Jacki Bernier, the university's principal planner.

And if they do acquire the land, how do a bunch of kids haul their equipment onto a field with no road leading to it?

Though the nearby USDA Research Facility has agreed to allow minimal use of its parking lot, accessibility remains one of the key issues.

Then there's the cost.

Albany administrator Daren Fields has been involved in the city's negotiations with both the league and the university. He suspects the final cost of development and maintenance will amount to more than \$1 million, meaning the ground will remain untouched until someone agrees to foot the rest of the bill.

Fields insisted, "This is really between the university and youth sports groups."

Just whose court holds the ball at this point is hard to tell.

Lew Williams, who coaches the 20 teams that make up the softball league, has known for some time his days are numbered.

Williams now finds himself in the position of middleman.

"I'm trying to encourage all parties to come together," he said. Williams is not so concerned with what happens next season — the teams can circulate around different fields in the area. What worries him is the possibility of having no home field in the long haul.

Though university officials have

not agreed to put forth any money for development, there may be other ways. He suggested money generated by future development on San Pablo Avenue. This would require issuing a request at the end of the year and, if it's approved, waiting at least one more before seeing any results.

Williams, like others, sees there aren't ways to whittle an original estimate.

One pricing solution: thumbs-up from Albany and the girls league is giving the youth groups of Dowling Field. Both Williams agree the cost might go down once it's out of public hands.

In the meantime, the university data on the land is the grading process.

"We don't intend for the folks to miss a season," said Fields. Doug Fielding, a community sports activist who works with youth sports groups, was also a player in negotiating the deal on Fielding Field (hence the name). He sees a political side to the situation.

"The only group whose need is going to be significantly affected is girls softball," he said.

Other options, he said, are pleasant. One is sharing fields already occupied. Another is "go ahead and start building Dowling Park" without figuring all out first," he said.

UC's Lollini expects to work with city officials within the next few weeks to hammer out some of the details from somewhere, said Fields.

As the spring season winds down, best players from the Girls League are revving up for summer tournaments. If played, an extension on East Fielding would allow players to practice on Contra Costa College

## Tour

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Kensington seniors last March.

To say she enjoyed the experience is an understatement. The only thing she is getting from all of her work is a discount on her own tickets from Virgin Atlantic airlines.

Admittedly, she used the children's books — her ad on the local kiosk read, "See The Land Of Harry Potter" — as a way to appeal to the younger crowd.

The literary phenomenon that has brought fame to British author Joanne Rowling has resulted in a movie, countless fan clubs and an online "Encyclopaedia Potterica," among other things.

"The kids were interested to go because London is mentioned in the book," Sorensen said, adding that Harry actually spends most of his time in a fantasy world and only goes to London to pick up his magical supplies.

The group is made up of all kinds of parent/kid combinations, with kids ranging from 6- to 14-year-olds.

"Some people are taking their neighbors' children," said Sorensen.

The idea to bring children on her second tour was planted in her head while watching children's reactions to the British Museum during her last visit. She collected opinions from British kids, who were particularly taken with the Egyptian art displays.

Sorensen notified six area schools about her plan in January, but getting enough people to commit was no easy task. Business trips and camp plans got in the way, so she ended up with a smaller group than she had anticipated.

Sorensen, also a Jungian psychologist, has read all three books in the Harry Potter series.

Like the author, she is attempting to appeal to all ages. For instance, for those of shorter attention spans,

she isn't planning on any activity to last for more than two hours.

Explained Sorensen, "I chose Virgin (Airlines) because they have TV monitors on each seat, including Nintendo games. No other airline does that."

The group rate, which she didn't disclose, will include air fare and the cost of hotels and sightseeing.

The next Harry Potter book is scheduled to come out in July. Sorensen hopes her group will pick up a copy and compare the language used in American and British versions.

Most families plan to continue to other destinations in Europe after their stay in London.

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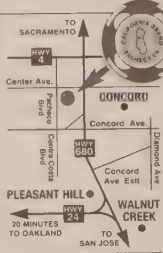
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### Mortgage Madness



By  
Karen Senzig

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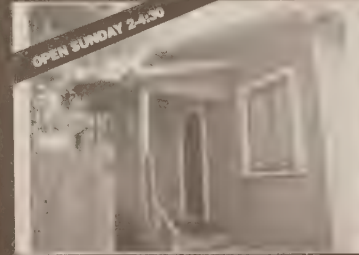
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## Stealing life and limb: it's not nice to fool with Mother Nature

Number 326 in a series of true experiences in real estate

Some years ago my husband and I had a backyard full of beautiful flowers that we had grown. It was a city garden with wooden fencing all around and tall greenery providing a backdrop and privacy from our neighbors.

One day we went into the garden to find our back boundary gaping and naked. The neighbor on that side had cut down everything growing on his side of the fence.

We were stupefied, then furious, but what was there to do? Within the hour we were at the nursery buying fast-growing shrubs to plant on our side of the fence.

When we calmed down some, we realized that it was too bad that our neighbor had not talked to us before executing his plans, but that he was completely within his rights. He had not cut anything growing in our yard, only plants in his own.

A similar thing happened again at my present house about a year ago. Limbs of one of my trees which had grown over my fence into an adjoining yard were sawn off by the neighbor opening the view between us. This time it wasn't so bad. Most of the tree remained and it has now put out new growth closing up most of the void.

Still, it was shocking to hear the roar of a chain saw, then to go outside and see the limbs of my tree severed at the fence line. I'm just glad that the tree that provides me some degree of privacy is my tree, not his. I had learned from my earlier experience that growth around the perimeter of my garden had best belong to me.

This week a friend called, quite upset, to report that the previous day she had been asked by her neighbor for permission to cut back an old oak growing near their property line. The idea was to cut only that part of the tree extending onto the neighbor's property, and so my friend told the neighbor to go ahead.

But what actually happened turned out to be different. A rather

large branch of the oak was cut all the way back to the trunk which was in my friend's garden. She was unfortunately away from home during the operation. When she returned she was dismayed to find her tree reduced in size and several large and weighty pieces of limb lying under the tree.

### True Experiences



By Tarpo and Talbert

There wasn't much she could do, of course. Tree limbs cannot be reconnected, but she was angry that she had allowed the cutting to be done when she was not present, and she just couldn't get over that someone had come onto her property and cut the tree so severely. Also, after conferring with her own tree man, she worries that the tree might have been damaged to the extent that it may now need special care to keep it healthy.

It's a fact that people have different ideas about trees. Some want them while others don't. Where views are concerned, whether to provide privacy or to allow open vistas, opinions can be strong and opposing.

Maintaining bay views can certainly be a sore point for people living in the hills. We've had a number of clients who have devoted years to negotiations with downhill neighbors over trees grown too tall. It took 10 years of time plus legal fees for one couple we met to obtain an agreement with their neighbor that would forever protect their view.

Another couple, clients of ours, along with several neighbors attempted to get permission to trim trees that had grown into their bay

views. Some of the trees were on a lot below them owned by people who would not allow the trees to be touched.

This happened in Berkeley where there is a view ordinance which, under some circumstances, allows for tree trimming or removal of a neighbor's trees. Often mediation is involved. Our clients might have found success through the ordinance, but they chose not to try. Instead they embraced and enjoyed their tree view.

When the time came for them to sell, they probably received less for their house than they would have if the bay view had still been in place, but they were able to sell to buyers who also liked looking out at the trees.

The tree stories I have told here are, I'm sure, mild in comparison to the experiences of many. There have been cases of trees that died because a neighbor cut the tree roots which had grown over his property line. And we've heard of trees cut to the ground without the permission of the owners. Many homeowners are passionate about their privacy and access to sunlight and views. Others feel just as strongly about having greenery around them. When neighbors do not share the same opinion, tempers can run high, feuds and lawsuits can occur.

Following are a few suggestions for homeowners: Provide your own greenery for privacy and beauty and maintain it so that it does not interfere with neighboring property. This advice applies to trees as well as to "traveling" plants such as blackberries and ivy.

If you have a view and hope to keep it, take photographs to document what your view is like at the time you purchase your property. Check out the view ordinance, if there is one, in the area where you live.

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# A bit of Old England in the Oakland hills

What do King Edward VIII of England, the Oakland Hills, and Tudor Revival style architecture have in common? They all have in common the appearance of a residential development during the early 1930s.

## Owning a Piece of History



By Mark A. Wilson

Normandy Revival style. That same year, Le Mon had Slocombe design another model home which he called the "Coronation Model." This impressive home was designed in the Georgian Revival style. It was named after England's recently crowned King Edward VIII. Ironically, in December of 1936, King Edward abdicated the throne of Great Britain to marry an American socialite, thus ruling for less than one year.

Early in 1937, Le Mon had Slocombe design the last of his model homes. This one was located at number 1 Weybridge Place, and was called "Weybridge Gables." It is a superb example of the Tudor Revival style, and was the most lavish of Le Mon model homes. It was recently listed for sale by Nancy Lehrkind, at the Grubb Company.

The exterior of number 1 Weybridge Place has all the classic features of a Tudor Revival manor house of the early 16th century. The roofline has high-peaked gables, diamond-paned dormer windows, and sloping eaves with curved shingling. The house has three levels (including a developed attic area), and visitors walk down a brick stairway that leads to the main door on the sunken



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first level. There is a wide brick patio area in front of this entrance.

The front door of "Weybridge Gables" has stained oak paneling, massive wrought iron hinges with projecting metal spikes, the original metal curved door handle, and a small diamond-paned window at eye level. On the second level to the left of the front entrance, there is another small gabled doorway or direct entrance into the second story.

A large attached garage is situated at the far right end, or the north wing of the house. The walls of the garage are stuccoed and it has a metal chimney with an ornate weathervane that has the letters "NEWS" and ship decorations on it. There are four chimneys that can be seen from the front of the house.

One of the most authentic-looking features of "Weybridge Gables" is the stone-faced projecting west wing. This wing has a row of four banded (i.e. side-by-side) diamond-paned windows. On the upper, or second level of the house, there is a Gothic-arched dormer window with a cast iron balcony, and a diamond-paned dormer above that is sided with wooden clapboards. Another larger Gothic-arched picture window is on the inside of the north wing, and it has latticed panes which affords a view of the front patio.

The interior of "Weybridge Gables" continues the same level of historic authenticity, while making some concessions to modern lifestyles. There is a double-arched entry hall, which opened onto the living room to the left and a stairwell to the right. The floors are made of

handsome random plank oak. The spacious living room has an open-beamed, cathedral ceiling, with massive king posts supporting the beams. At the south end of the living room, there is a hooded fireplace with a fleur-de-lilies decorative pattern around the brick firebox. Along the west side of the house is a wide sun room, with banded picture glass windows that provide a fabulous view of San Francisco Bay. These windows are among the few that are not historically authentic.

To the north of the living room is a formal dining room, which has a beamed ceiling, a Bay view, and a pass through to the kitchen. The country-style kitchen has been remodeled in recent years. It has new cabinets and counter tops, and a wide breakfast nook. To the east of the kitchen is a full bath, and a den or family room with a closet, which can be used as a guest bedroom.

The magnificent oak staircase has wrought iron railings. It leads to the second level, where there are two bedrooms with Bay views. There is also a deluxe, remodeled bathroom with a sunken tub and banded windows that look out over San Francisco Bay. A wooden balcony off of the master bedroom looks down onto

For more information on this Tudor Revival home offered at \$925,000, call Nancy Lehrkind at The GRUBB Co. at 339-0400, extension 246

the dining room, and is a feature that was often found in Tudor English manor houses.

Another set of stairs leads up from the second floor to the partially finished attic. Here there is a loft bedroom, high-peaked ceilings, and diamond-paned windows. The attic level also contains a half bath, a nice stained glass window at the east end, and views of the East Bay Hills from the windows along the north wall. There are extra linen closets and walk-in clothes closets, as well as storage areas in the attic.

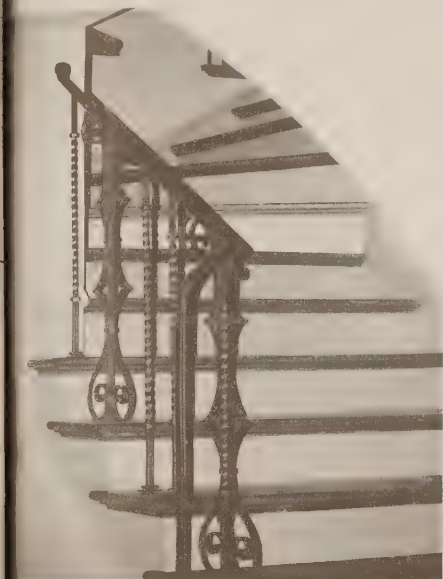
In an old real estate ad from a May, 1937 issue of the Oakland Tribune, the theme of the homes of Le Mon Park is described in very evocative language. "In its kinship to English tradition, it reflects a settled mellows...a substantial beauty which

does not look new today...a beauty -- one which will grow in grace over the years." Such words would rarely be used in a real estate ad today, but they certainly appropriate to describe the charms of this rare enclave of historic charm in the Oakland Hills.

For more information on the house at Number 1 Weybridge Place, please contact the listing agent, Nancy Lehrkind, at the Grubb Company office at 1960 Mountain Blvd. in Oakland.

She can be reached via her voice mail number, at 510-339-0400, extension 246.

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# A historic neighborhood that was ahead of its time

## Home seekers discover the charms of Point Richmond

By Ted Cuzzillo  
CORRESPONDENT

If you enter Point Richmond over the railroad tracks, past the creaky wigwag warning and into the little town square, you come upon the Santa Fe Market, epicenter of a community that was into "new urbanism" when today's planners were in diapers.

The Point ceased to be a real island nearly a century ago, but it still feels like one — a fact that's often cited as a reason for the "take care of our town" activism and tight camaraderie among its citizens.

"You don't flip someone off in traffic because it might be your neighbor," said Jan Feagley of Jan Feagley and What's His Face real estate. The Jan and Jerry Feagley team are one of the Point's two main real estate brokers.

Point Richmond, with about 3,000 people, lies at the western edge of the city, a minute east on the freeway from the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge and next door to the Chevron Refinery and Burlington-Santa Fe railroad yard.

Its cute downtown is sheltered from the Bay by a steep, arched hill. On the hill are mostly single-family homes built from around the turn of the century to the '20s and '30s. They range in style from ornate Victorians to charming Craftsman bungalows and period revival homes.

On the Bay side, houses are mostly post-war. Total houses, including some that have been broken up into apartments and duplexes, number 300 to 400.

Some of the homes that face the Bay are modernistic masterpieces by well-known architects, like Sea Ranch homes in the city.

When most people say Point Richmond they mean the neighborhood surrounded by the bridge, refinery, railroad yard, and Bay — including the relatively new homes in Brickyard Cove, a neighborhood built atop piers near the Miller Knox Regional Shoreline.

Real estate is roughly divided between the post-war Bay side and the historic, turn of the century-era town side — the residents of each referred to by some as "views" and "view-nots."

Town-side houses, either fixer uppers or polished oldies scattered on the hill around Santa Fe Market, go for between \$250,000 and \$350,000, according to longtime Point broker Janice Cook of Realty

World Janice Cook.

The inventory of houses is low now. But when houses do go on sale, they go for just the asking price, said Feagley. Unlike many other parts of the Bay Area, Point Richmond buyers don't bid them up.

The town side is preserved as an historic district, with many commercial buildings and homes dating to the early 20th century.

Proposed exterior changes are reviewed by the influential Point Richmond Neighborhood Council, which passes its recommendation to the city's Design Review Board.

Just over the hill, the look switches abruptly to resemble nicer parts of Marin County. Post-war architecture and tasteful landscaping frame Bay view windows with telescopes that peer deep into a fog-free, postcard panorama that local yachters call the Richmond Riviera.

These sparkling views across the Bay to three bridges, Angel Island and the high-rises of San Francisco and Oakland run from \$300,000 to \$900,000, said Cook.

Thought the Point is part of the city of Richmond, crime levels and

community reacted the way it's known to.

"Everybody in town came to the memorial service," said longtime resident Jerry Cerkanowicz, secretary of the Point Richmond History Association. "You couldn't even get into the store for all the flowers."

The incident seemed to mark a turn away from the old Point, from a rundown motorcycle gang hangout to a more genteel town, Cerkanowicz said.

New owner Bob Peckham wasted no time transforming the business, he said, placing windows in front and stocking high-quality food at prices comparable to Andronico's or Mollie Stone's. Stuffed into the tiny store is Straus organic milk, Acme and Semifreddi's bread, Rocky poultry, Saag's sausage.

Newly arrived veterans of Berkeley or San Francisco marvel at the little downtown. One block from Santa Fe, the post office often has no line. There's also a decent bakery, several good restaurants, therapeutic massage, videos for rent, a library branch and excellent Scotch

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KEN PERKINS/STAFF  
**ALONG THE STREETS OF POINT RICHMOND**, you'll see many residences like this graceful, grand Victorian above.

KEN PERKINS/STAFF  
**THE BALTIC** is a neighborhood icon, left; its brightly painted exterior and cheerful flowers representative of the area.

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The bus and ferry schedules have been planned to provide a smooth transition between these two modes of transportation.

schools stand in stark contrast to some of the city's troubled neighborhoods. Point Richmond is separated only by a few railroad tracks and some light industrial areas from the Iron Triangle and other neighborhoods that are plagued by poverty and drug crime.

What constitutes a crime wave in the Point, however, was 14 car burglaries one night this May — which stopped abruptly when police closed a nearby camp of transients. The normal is two per month and almost no home burglaries.

Serious crimes happen rarely. In fact, the only shooting in the last 10 years is known to many as simply "the shooting." At about 11:15 a.m. on Jan. 5, 1989 a would-be hold-up man killed Santa Fe Market owner Bob Young and employee Brent Moriwaki with one bullet each to the head. The Point

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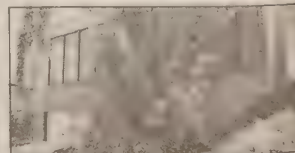
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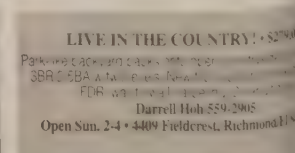
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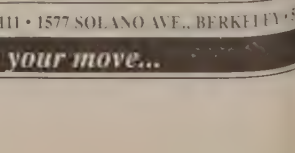
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Back in the Santa Fe Market's window that most Pointers first notice is a local artist's exhibit or

a campaign to persuade the railroad company to shorten delays at the crossing or fund-raisers for the Richmond Plunge, the earthquake-damaged city-run indoor swimming pool two blocks away, or the recent passing of a local acquaintance.

In one memorable display of civic power about 20 years ago, Point residents blocked approval of a proposal that would have sent 50 trucks a day through town laden with liquid nitrogen.

City council members who voted for it were not reelected. Later, one of them said to resident Peter Fostiak, "You got to watch what you do with Point Richmond," drawing a finger across his neck like a knife.

Said Fostiak, "Things matter to people out here and they have a memory."

One threat has so far resisted pressure and still broods over the community night and day just across the freeway: the Chevron refinery.

The Point is well within two potentially lethal areas activists call the "kill zone" and the "blast zone." Though prevailing winds keep the Point upwind 70 to 80 percent of the time except in the winter, a blast can still crack foundations, said Denny Larson, Northern California director of Communities for a Better Environment.

Less physically harmful to bodies but corrosive to the community used

to be the failing grade school, about four blocks from Santa Fe Market.

Ten years ago, the neighborhood's Washington Elementary School had just a half-time principal, and test scores were in the single digits and lower teens. The school district was thinking about closing it.

Tom McGowan, a Point investment broker, Sallie DeWitt and others launched the Many Hands program.

It's main strategies include support of teachers, "adopt-a-class" by businesses that display the pink "proud sponsor" emblems in their windows, and support of gifted students in the "spirit of excellence" program.

Another group, PRAM, for Point Richmond Association of Moms, also supports the school. Now there's a waiting list to get in.

McGowan promotes the program to any group or individual that will listen.

"The community is so supportive. Anything you ask for that makes sense, everybody says, 'Yeah that makes sense,' and then they think up more of their own to do," he said.

Take the Turkey Shoot. This annual event began when Hotel Mac workers took a break on Thanksgiving morning to head for The Spot, a bar one block away to raise a shot of Wild Turkey while saying "gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble."



KEN PERKINS/STAFF

THE POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION'S office is a landmark in the area.

The event gradually grew in scope. The cops were the first to join in, escorting the workers the block to the bar.

Then someone made up floats. Later, City Council member and lo-

cal architect Tom Butt began bringing his goats — on leashes, of course.

What began as a break for busy Hotel Mac workers, McGowan said, has blossomed into a "ridiculous little Rose Parade."

## RESOURCES:

**Point Richmond Online:**  
www.pointrichmond.com/

**Point Richmond History Association:** 510-235-1336, www.alkos.com/prha/

**Brief history of Point Richmond:**  
www.alkos.com/prha/history.html

**Richmond Plunge:**  
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## Buying and selling a home in the online age

REALTY TIMES

CHICAGO — According to a recent NPD Online research study, online sites are attracting 64 percent of the Web users looking for homes. Consumers say convenience, speed and property selection are the top three reasons they use the Web as a tool in their search for a new house.

With the wealth of information resources available on the Internet, homebuyers may find that all their "savings" are lost with the vast amount of time they need to sift through all the data.

Following the suggestions in Homesurfing.net (\$17.95, paper, 240 pages, ISBN: 0-7931-3382-3), however, they can click on the best, most productive sites while getting an overview of the home buying and selling experience.

"This book is the best one that combines the new technological opportunities of the Internet with traditional home sales suggestions.

On my scale of 1 to 10, this outstanding book rates an off-the-chart 12," said Robert Bruss, syndicated real estate columnist.

According to Blanche Evans, real estate Internet insider and author, without an understanding of the overall process, the volume of data can be confusing, and in fact may divert people from their ultimate goal — to buy or sell a house.

Since these processes (of home buying, financing and selling) are dramatically changing

with the availability of information resources on the Internet, consumers who understand the challenges and pitfalls are empowered to make smart decisions. The Internet is putting power into consumers' hands.

"There are massive amounts of information on home buying and selling on the Internet. People don't realize the amount of time and effort they can waste by not being focused on using Net resources to accomplish their goals," says Evans.

More than just a guide to cool sites, Evans outlines the steps to incorporate powerful Internet information resources in the home buying or selling process.

Homesurfing.net outlines proven, practical strategies like:

- How to use Internet research tools to benefit both sides of a real estate transaction;

- How to clean up your credit report online;

- How to compare loans on the Internet;

- How to apply and get pre-qualified and pre-approved for financing online;

- Questions to ask you look for a broker to represent you — either as the buyer or the seller.

Evans is the editor of Realty Times, an Internet real estate news service providing information both to consumers and professionals.

Homesurfing.net is available at local and online booksellers.

## Stages in the life of materials

THE GREEN RESOURCE CENTER

For residential remodels, choosing materials is often a major consideration.

There are six stages in the life of a material: source, extraction, processing, installation, useful life, and end of life.

The source of a material incorporates a variety of factors. An environmentally appropriate material is ideally one that is renewable within the same cycle ash which we use it. Trees typically take 75 years to reach the maturity needed for building products, and we should design those components to last at least that long.

By this measure, plastics, vinyl, and other petroleum-based products should have a life span of millions of years.

Using recycled-content materials can also minimize the impact on the environment.

Integrid Building Systems in Berkeley sells a block made from post-consumer polystyrene, like that found in packaging or disposable coffee cups.

This block is a permanent formwork for concrete, replacing the lumber and plywood typically used and thrown away.

Using it not only diverts waste material, it reduces the amount of concrete needed; production of the cement in concrete is responsible for about 9 percent of greenhouse gas emissions.

Most importantly, the product creates a highly insulating wall, reducing energy demands for the entire building.

While we often focus on the

source and end of life (disposal), the other stages can be more important.

Extraction and processing convert the raw materials into the final products.

Extraction often creates significant damage to the surrounding environments. Clear-cut forestry practices, for example, remove all of the trees, endangering habitat and biodiversity.

They also contribute to soil erosion and loss of topsoil, damaging riparian systems through excessive runoff, including that of endangered salmon species.

Clear cutting reduces generating capacity for future growth, and reduces the capacity of our "global lungs" to absorb pollutants and carbon dioxide.

Road construction in forests, usually paid for with tax subsidies, destroy the forest ecosystem by separating clusters of trees, creating paths for soil erosion, and compacting the soil. Choosing "certified sustainably harvested" lumber, where the forestry practices are carefully monitored by independent agencies, will minimize the damage of extraction.

Foresters certified under the regimen of the Forest Stewardship Council cannot do clear cuts, rather they selectively harvest a few of the trees.

They are also limited in the means of extraction, with the ultimate goal to preserve the health, longevity, and productivity of the forest ecosystem for all of its benefits.

Material processing has tremendous effects on the environment. Converting raw materials into fin-

ished products involves as many as twenty separate processes, each with inherent inefficiencies. Industrial ecologists estimate that there is as much as 97 percent waste in converting materials into products.

Put another way, 3 pounds of a material creates 97 pounds of waste! That waste comes in the form of pollution, lost resources and additional landfill burden. Products should be selected that minimizes industrial waste.

Materials that are closest to their "natural state" often have the fewest industrial processes and the least pollution.

Knowing this, it may be that the materials impact may be greatest during its useful life.

Durability and maintenance are the key factors here. For example, using more durable products will repay costs over time in avoided maintenance and replacement.

A wood or tile floor might last sixty years or more, a wall to wall

carpet may last only ten or fifteen years, requiring the entire room to be replaced to occur five times as frequently. The energy used in maintaining a finish far exceeds the energy used in creating it.

Wood and tile floors also require simple mopping, not the time and energy consuming waxing.

There are also concerns about health affects of building materials. Processed materials, such as plywood used in cabinetry, contain formaldehyde glues, which are suspected carcinogens.

Recognizing this, a number of manufacturers are reformulating their materials to avoid potential hazards, and there are now toxic choices for almost every material, including particle board, sub-floors, insulation, and finishes.

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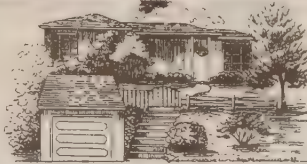
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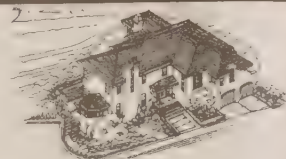
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AVRAM GOLDMAN — Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, California today announced that the company's president, Avram Goldman, has been named national director for the National Association of Realtors, representing more than 750,000 members involved in all aspects of residential and commercial real estate industries.

which promotes high standards and professionalism in all aspects of real estate," said Goldman.

"I am looking forward to putting the experience and wisdom I have acquired over the last 20 years in the real estate industry and as the president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Northern California, the state's leading real estate company, to work. I am honored to represent Coldwell Banker in this important position."

After a career in teaching, Goldman entered the real estate business in 1979 as a sales associate with Valley of California Realty.

Coldwell Banker acquired Valley Realty in 1983 and Goldman went on to open and manage its Berkeley

office the following year. Over the next 12 years he served in several regional manager positions before being named general sales manager for Northern California in early 1998.

In 1985 Goldman was appointed senior vice president and regional manager of the peninsula region.

From 1994 through 1997, Goldman oversaw the company's Metro Region, which includes Marin, San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. With 27 offices the Metro Region represents one of the largest and most profitable regions of NRT's operations throughout the United States.

He is a past president of the Northern California chapter of FI-

ABCI, the international real estate federation and has the Certified Residential Brokerage designation. He is co-author of "Operation Blueprint," a comprehensive management training program.

Today, as Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Northern California's president and CEO, Goldman oversees operations of the company's five regions, including 78 offices and over 3,100 sales associates.

A native of Berkeley, he holds a Bachelor's degree and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of California, Berkeley. He currently lives in the Rockridge area of Oakland with his wife and three daughters.

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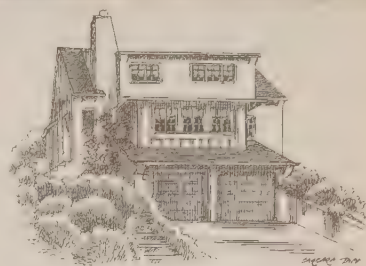


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Your home may be your most valuable financial asset. That's why it's important to be cautious when you hire someone to work on it. Home improvement and repair and maintenance contractors often advertise in newspapers, the Yellow Pages, and on the radio and TV.

However, don't consider an ad an indication of the quality of a contractor's work. Your best bet is a reality check from those in the know: friends, neighbors, or co-workers who have had improvement work done.

### Checking References

Talk with some of the remodeler's former customers. They can help you decide if a particular contractor is right for you. You may want to ask:

- \* Can I visit your home to see the completed job?
- \* Were you satisfied with the project? Was it completed on time?
- \* Did the contractor keep you informed about the status of the project, and any problems along the way?

\* Were there unexpected costs? If so, what were they?

\* Did workers show up on time? Did they clean up after finishing the job?

\* Would you recommend the contractor?

\* Would you use the contractor again?

### Understanding Payment Options

You have several payment options for most home improvement and maintenance and repair projects. For example, you can get your own loan or ask the contractor to arrange financing for larger projects. For smaller projects, you may want to pay by check or credit card. Avoid paying cash. Whatever option you choose, be sure you have a reasonable payment schedule and a fair interest rate. Here are some additional tips:

Try to limit your down payment. Some state laws limit the amount of money a contractor can request as a down payment. Contact your state

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## Maybe Fido should be consulted on your real estate decisions

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Realty Powerhouse McEneaney Associates, Inc. recently unveiled a new make that "new" — program that acknowledges the increasing role that pets play in home buying and selling transactions.

Last year the Alexandria-based firm estimated that more than a quarter of its sales involved families with pets. Known as McEneaney Associates' PAWSitive Experience is the

new, targeted program that considers the growing role that many family members are playing in real estate decisions.

In fact, a 1999 report prepared by pet retailer Pets Mart notes that 68 percent of Americans consider pets to be members of the family and make life choices to accommodate them.

"Our PAWSitive Experience

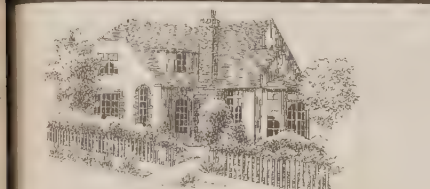
program was a natural progression from the many experiences our agents had with clients who have pets," said Maureen McEneaney Dunn, general manager.

The program includes a pet questionnaire that can be included with customized buyer and seller packages, and can be completed by McEneaney Associates as part of the initial consultation.

McEneaney Associates will also make arrangements to show homes to their clients' pets during the home search process.

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182 Estates Drive \$989,000  
Enjoy South Bay and hill views from this spacious 4BR/3.5BA Piedmont home. Fireplace in living room, master bedroom & family room. Formal dining room, office, family room, decks and spa. Helen Buty

210 Sunnyside Avenue \$595,000  
A unique property with legal second unit! Level in to this completely updated 4BR/3+BA home. Lovely master suite. Sunny patio off rumpus room. Convenient location. Angela Wei Grubb

## Open Sunday 2-4:30 p.m.

4928 Proctor Avenue \$1,368,000  
A spectacular new home with Bay views, sauna & elevator. Fabulous kitchen/family room level out to lovely garden. Debra J. Dryden  
5220 Old Redwood Road \$1,125,000  
This exquisite home offers SF Bay views, 5+BR/5.5BA, 3 master suites, dramatic living room, gourmet kitchen, solarium, hot tub & wine room. Bettina Balestrieri  
25 Mall Court New Listing \$625,000  
This stunning Carl Grogh Montclair contemporary is located in a quiet natural setting with running creek, 4+BR and gourmet kitchen. Sheila Gallagher

1545 Trestle Glen Rd. New Listing \$559,000  
This charming Crocker Highlands Mediterranean home boasts gleaming random plank floors, updated kitchen, 3BR plus study/office. Mavis Delacroix  
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Montclair New Construction \$920,000  
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Crocker Highlands New Price \$495,000  
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Soaring home prices in the Bay Area have given homeowners a tremendous opportunity to use their increasing equity to improve their lifestyles.

Suddenly, there is enough equity to pay off a mountain of credit cards, add that extra family room and bathroom or send the kids to college. But what and how are the best ways to tap into this fountain of funds?

For homeowners who were fortunate enough to purchase a home and get a mortgage with a decent fixed interest rate, the best solution may be in a fixed second trust deed or a "HELOC," a home equity line of credit.

Normally, when we get an inquiry for an equity second, the first question to the borrowers is whether or not they have checked with their own bank or credit union where they have their checking and savings accounts. Their local banker may be able to make the loan quicker and cheaper if the borrowers can qualify, have good credit and the combined loan to value (CLTV - the first trust deed and the second trust deed divided by the current value) does not exceed 75 to 80 percent.

For those that do not fit that model, it may be time to talk to a mortgage broker. As every homeowner knows, there are hundreds of lenders out there, or at least that seems to be the case judging by the amount of direct mail advertisements clogging mailboxes and the number of telemarketers interrupting their dinners. So how to sort through all the information?

The first step is to identify whether you want a fixed rate loan product or a HELOC. The fixed rate second trust deed usually has a minimum loan amount requirement of \$25,000, can be amortized over 15, 20, 25 or 30 years (although the 25 and 30 year amortizations usually have a 15 year balloon or due date) and interest rates currently range between 9.50 percent and 16 percent.

The main determining factors for the interest rate on a fixed rate second trust deed are loan amount, loan to value, the borrowers' credit scores, the amortization period, the way the borrowers income is documented (fully documented or no income documentation) and the points (prepaid interest, 1 percent of the loan amount) the borrower is willing to pay.

Most of the fixed rate second trust deeds where the borrowers income can be fully documented can be made to 100 percent of the home's value. There are still lenders out there willing to go 125 percent loan to value for debt consolidation and home improvement second trust deeds, but be prepared for an interest rate in the neighborhood of 14 percent or more.

The majority of the lenders who allow stated income (no income verification) will only allow a loan up to 90 percent loan to value. The other option for equity second trust deeds would be the HELOC (Home Equity Line of Credit). A HELOC can also be in first position so that a homeowner whose property is free and clear of any liens can use the equity in the property.

The HELOC functions like an equity savings account with a check book but you only pay interest on the money you use. The loans usually allow a 10-year draw period and the payments are interest only on the money you actually use. After 10 years the lender will recast the note to a 15 year amortized pay off.

As with all adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs), the HELOC is based on an index, which, along with the margin creates the note rate. It can have an introductory start rate (or teaser). The usual index is the Prime Lending Rate, currently 9.50 percent.

The margin is the key to the note rate. The deciding factors are very much the same as with the fixed rate second trust deed mortgage and the margin factor can be as low as minus two percent for an introductory start rate (usually 6 to 12 months) and as high as plus five percent. The life time cap is normally 18 percent.

HELOCs require full documentation of income and the borrower(s) must qualify for the full amount of the line. Some lenders will allow a no income documented borrower, but only if the borrower is self employed and enjoys superior credit scores of 720 or better.

Be prepared to pay an annual fee of \$20 to \$75 for your HELOC. Many lenders also put a flat prepayment penalty of \$500 to \$1000 if you pay off your line of credit before 5 years, even if you never used the equity line.

The HELOC is ideal for home improvement projects in that you can write checks to your contractor as the project progresses and only make payments on the current balance. As several of our clients have told us, it helped them feel in control throughout the project.

So whether you choose an equity second trust deed where you take your money up front or a HELOC where you use it as you need it, it's your equity to use in the world of Mortgage Madness.

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## What a mortgage broker has that a banker doesn't

By Carolyn Tracy

When shopping for a home mortgage, one should be concerned that they are hiring someone with experience, integrity, ethics, a nice personality, someone who's honest, who has a good track record, and testimonials from satisfied past clients. They should shop for the best rate and fees, of course!

While most consumers know that banks offer mortgages, a lot of consumers are not aware of the numerous benefits of hiring a broker.

### Relationships count

Many mortgage brokers have relationships with realtors, appraisers, title companies and a wide variety of lenders and can refer you to the necessary institutions you may need. Most mortgage brokers can pre-qualify you in one telephone conversation so you can get an idea of how much you can afford in terms of housing.

Most mortgage brokers will take that pre-qualification a step further and get you pre-approved for a home

A good reason to use a broker is that if your loan does not get approved at one lending institution, your loan package can be sent to other lenders who perhaps will be more lenient and you will get the approval you are seeking.

### Under a microscope

Brokers are licensed, and they are usually experienced. A broker has to go through a scrutinization to be able to be approved to do business on a wholesale basis with various banks. This scrutiny entails financial resources, credit, ethics, track record and savvy in the marketplace.

Not every bank will open their wholesale lending doors to any mortgage broker!

A homeowner could go to BankAmerica for a loan, or one could hire a mortgage broker and still end up with BankAmerica; except that you would be getting wholesale rates. Typically, wholesale rates are about 1 percent better in points. So if 9 percent is 1 point walking through the doors of your local bank, typically you should be able to get that rate (9 percent) at 0 points.

When walking through the doors of a bank, you will be offered that bank's loan products. If your credit rating isn't as they specify, or your housing ratios are a tad too high, or you haven't been on the job long enough, there is a good chance you will not get approved.

### A variety of choices

A broker has a wide variety of home loans from which to choose. They can find FHA, VA, jumbo, conforming, equity lines, loans for those with not so great credit, loans for those with high ratios, and loans for those that are self-employed or new on the job.

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loan. A pre-approval is a "must" in the markets we see today where many buyers are vying for the same house. Most pre-approvals can be accomplished in 24 hours.

A good mortgage broker should explain the entire loan process for you, offer you a wide variety of loan products, give you a good education on the pros and cons of the various loan products, offer competitive rates and fees and explain these to you thoroughly. In guiding you through the entire loan process, a good mortgage broker will stay in touch with your realtor on the buying end as well as on the selling end.

### Keeping on top of things

A good mortgage broker will inform you of any documentation they need, when your appraisal is completed, when is the appropriate time to lock-in your interest rate and when your loan documents will be ready for signature. They'll be there at signing time to answer any questions you have. Your interest rate and loan terms as well as approval and any conditions should be in writing.

The loan process is detailed and precise, make no mistake. However, if you arm yourself with a good broker, you will be fully apprised at every step with no surprises, and a great relationship should come of it - not to mention your approved loan, a competitive rate, and overall customer satisfaction.

Make sure your broker is doing what he or she promises what he or she would do.

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## Wake up that tired old room

By Danny C. Flanders

COX NEWS SERVICE

ATLANTA — Take a long hard look at your living room.

That new sofa and armoire you got at a recent sale look great but seem cold and barren. Something's missing. Or maybe your end tables look less like the perfectly-decorated ones in House Beautiful and more like something from "The Odd Couple," cluttered with remote controls, CD cases, candy bar wrappers and month-old newspapers.

If either case sounds familiar, your room may need a few decorating touches, such as pillows, pictures and books, or to the other extreme, it may have too much stuff.

"More than anything else, people usually just have the things displayed in the wrong places," said Jillian Pritchard, Atlanta interior designer. "The own beautiful furniture, but the out the right accents that look flat," she said. Accessorize.

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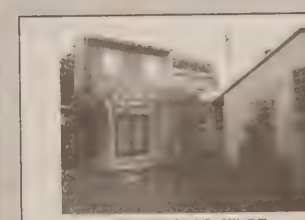
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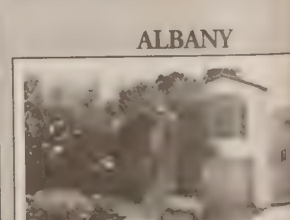
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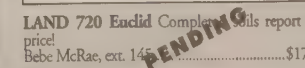
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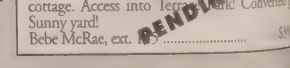
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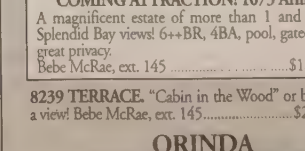
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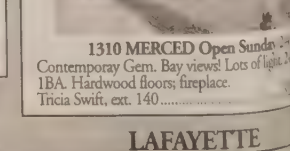
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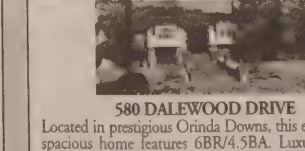
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# Room

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owning touches — the neck-  
line earrings that make that little  
dress come to life. These  
things have interiors personality by  
the things you like, your  
hobbies and interests. They inject  
color and texture into a room, mak-  
ing it intriguing and inviting.

## may have what you need

are you're broke after buy-  
ing a sofa and armoire and  
not any of these precious  
things? Not to worry. Not all acces-

or putting in a closet or giving away,"  
she said. "Plus, it's so nice to be able  
see and use so many of these special  
things every day."

## She made it fun

Katz was determined to make the  
emotional experience of sorting  
through a parent's belongings a fun  
adventure, and it paid off. The addi-  
tional pieces made her home so at-  
tractive that friends have asked Katz,  
a catering director for Swissotel At-  
lanta, to help them arrange their own  
accessories.

The point is to experiment. If you  
don't move things around from time  
to time, you become immune to how  
your rooms look, Pritchard said.

a design that takes into account color  
(pick up hues in your furnishings),  
texture (contrast the smooth surface  
of a plate, for example, against the  
rough foliage of a plant), scale (re-  
late sizes of the items to each other  
proportionally) and balance (arrange  
some things symmetrically, others  
asymmetrically).

■ Strive for a three-dimensional  
effect, placing items in the fore-  
ground, middle and background. Be  
practical, though, by placing often-  
used ones where they're accessible;  
books should be lined along the shelf  
edges "supermarket style" so their  
spines are legible.

■ Categorize items with something

■ Remember that less can be  
more. "You're better off accenting a  
fabulous fireplace by putting no tools  
on the hearth and just adding sim-  
ple logs," Pritchard said.

■ Lean a painting on a mantel to  
lend informality.

■ Balance pairs of accessories,  
such as large hurricane lamps, to  
give this vignette symmetry. The nat-  
ural texture of topiaries softens the  
hard look of stone.

■ Use furniture as an accessory  
— in this case, to make the fireplace  
more inviting.

■ Use candlesticks too small for  
so massive a mantel.

■ Use accessories to draw you  
into the fire-  
place. "It should  
play host to your  
home's best  
pieces since it's  
the focal point of  
a room,"  
Pritchard says.

■ Don't have  
too many com-  
peting types of  
items with noth-  
ing in common.

"There's no golden thread that ties  
the accessories together," she says.

■ Use larger pieces to add scale  
and create impact.

■ Organize elements by categories  
into small collections, such as pho-  
tos, crystal and magazines.

■ Make old encyclopedias into  
convenient display platforms. Line  
treasured books along the shelf's  
edge "supermarket style" so their  
spines can be read.

■ Strive for some uniformity. If no  
one element plays off another, "It's  
just a lot of stuff," Pritchard says.

■ Use color to draw you to the  
bookcase.

So don't just give up, fancy it up.  
And look around you. Everything  
you need might just be right at your  
fingertips

A good way to start is to remove all the accessories from your  
tables, mantles, bookcases and walls and put them on your  
kitchen or dining room table. This accomplishes several things:  
it allows you to assess your inventory and the things you lack, it  
gives you a clean slate.

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lack, it gives you a clean slate for  
creating new displays and finally, it  
permits themes to emerge among ac-  
cessories (You may discover you own  
a collection of things, which had  
been strung out all over the house).

If no categories emerge, "A lot of  
times, it's good to spend \$10 or \$15  
on some little things that can create  
a collection," Pritchard said. "These  
become the 'golden thread' that cre-  
ates some consistency in your dis-  
plays."

## So let's get started

Pritchard recommends:  
■ Treat each tabletop, mantle or  
bookcase as a vignette, striving for

in common — candlesticks made of  
various metals, picture frames in sev-  
eral finishes, cut glass in different  
forms — and grouping them to cre-  
ate more impact. Go for odd num-  
bers of items. Alternate groups of  
books among shelves, for example,  
to create movement for the eye.

■ Mix the old with the new —  
hang a contemporary painting over  
an antique chest — and the formal  
with the informal — combine fine  
porcelain vases with casual clay  
flower pots. "It's nice to mix periods  
and let pieces play off each other,"  
Pritchard said.

■ Use some accessories as dis-  
plays, such as books as platforms for  
giving other items height or large  
plates placed on stands as back-  
grounds for a grouping.

■ Emphasize special accessories  
with lighting, either overhead task  
fixtures or accent lamps.

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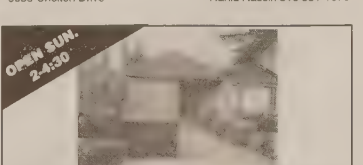
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2836 Johnson Ave. - \$541,000
3005 Lincoln Ave. - \$280,000
544 Lincoln Ave. - \$329,000
343 Maitland Dr. - \$331,000
2025 Pacific Ave. - \$316,000
1011 Post St. - \$385,000
2132 San Antonio Ave. - \$469,000
2101 Shoreline #256 - \$209,500
955 Shorepoint #107 - \$160,000
3231 Sterling Ave. - \$302,000
15 Thurles Pl. - \$489,000
3000 Washington St. - \$450,000
1321 Webster #D116 - \$185,000
10 Whimbrel Ct. - \$321,000
6 Whimbrel Ct. - \$314,000
8 Whimbrel Ct. - \$334,000

ALBANY

613 Curtis St. - \$535,000
624 Key Route Bl. - \$440,000
535 Pierce St. #3411 - \$286,000

BERKELEY

555 Pierce St. #623 - \$175,000
521 Talbot Ave - \$345,000

30 Acacia Ave. - \$850,000
1008 Bancroft Way - \$199,000
1007 Channing Way - \$562,000
1177 Cragmont Ave. - \$575,000
2514 Dana St. - \$460,000
2360 Eunice St. - \$650,000
1200 Francisco St. - \$375,000
11 Hopkins Ct - \$525,000
1428 Neilson St. - \$405,000
1220 Ordway St. - \$379,000
1300 Ordway St. - \$324,000
1301 Peralta Ave. - \$508,000
784 Spruce St. - \$900,000
3107 Wheeler St. - \$270,000

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316 Ashbury Ave. - \$327,000
642 Clayton Ave. - \$225,000
6630 Cutting Bl. - \$375,000
1708 Lexington #9 - \$208,000
540 Lexington Ave. - \$483,000
7411 Tr Dr. - \$420,000
421 Village Dr. - \$430,000
3323 Yosemite Ave. - \$127,000

EL SOBRANTE

761 Alhambra Rd - \$179,000
88 Avinda Martinez - \$315,000
915 Bridgeway Cr - \$410,000
711 Del Valle Cr - \$135,000
19 Schupp Ct - \$265,000

EMERYVILLE

836 44th St. - \$210,000
8 Admiral Dr. #A328 - \$295,000
2 Anchor Dr. #1386 - \$115,000
6363 Christie #627 - \$295,000

OAKLAND

1841 106th Ave. - \$191,000
2425 12th Ave. - \$108,000
2818 23rd Ave. - \$220,000
714 31st St. - \$98,000
683 35th St. - \$140,000
492 37th St. - \$288,000
2212 41st Ave. - \$207,000
530 52nd St. - \$200,000
2827 55th Ave. - \$245,000
933 57th St. - \$191,000
415 63rd St. - \$502,000
3338 64th Ave. - \$260,000
2133 73rd Ave. - \$159,500
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1284 79th Ave. - \$129,000
1627 81st Ave. - \$143,500
1009 Amato Dr. - \$1,400,000
5405 Belgrave Pl. - \$578,000
565 Bellevue Ave. - \$295,000
722 Brookhurst St. - \$106,500
2866 Brookdale Ave. - \$150,000
6294 Bullard Dr. - \$455,000
200 Caldecott Ln #214 - \$243,000
200 Caldecott Ln #311 - \$330,500
260 Caldecott Ln #321 - \$231,000
2515 Carmel St. - \$250,000
6799 Chelton Dr. - \$722,000
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3568 Davis St. - \$203,000
6301 Dover St. - \$268,500
4271 Dunsmuir Ave. - \$520,000
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1834 East 21st St. - \$160,000
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1830 Lakeshore Ave. - \$265,000
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4061 Mera St. - \$200,000
2866 Modesto Ave. - \$300,000
6311 Monadnock Way - \$205,000
4357 Montgomery St. - \$305,000
8215 Ney Ave. - \$157,000
4040 Oakmore Rd. - \$569,000
3028 Partridge Ave. - \$155,000
433 Phelps St. - \$125,000
9943 Plymouth St. - \$120,000
882 Prospect Ave. - \$575,000
1701 Seminary Ave. - \$165,000
9019 Skyline Bl. - \$551,000
6178 South Rockridge - \$777,000
4960 Stacy St. - \$355,000
62 Starview Dr. - \$580,000
356 Staten Ave. - \$434,500
2865 Sunset Ave. - \$150,000
24 Templar Pl. - \$110,000
824 Village Cr - \$175,000

7 W Embarc. #119 - \$107,000

4615 West St. - \$185,000

PIEDMONT

1328 West Grand Ave. - \$450,000

RICHMOND

525 12th St. - \$137,000
164 13th St. - \$110,000
636 29th St. - \$164,000
451 46th St. - \$199,000
652 5th St. - \$119,500
6236 Arlington Bl. - \$254,000
3921 Barrett Ave. #3 - \$230,000
4315 Barrett Ave. - \$156,000
11 Bay Harbor Ct. - \$325,000
839 Bissell Ct. - \$120,000
2809 Carlson Bl. - \$172,000
4739 Castilla Ave. - \$150,000
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106 Commodore Dr. - \$220,000
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3116 Florida Ave. - \$115,000
2428 Humphrey Ave. - \$141,000
2021 Market Ave. #235 - \$62,500
3340 Morningside Dr. - \$189,000
1810 Rheem Ave. - \$124,000
3314 Rheem Ave. - \$155,000
5520 Solano Ave. - \$231,500

SAN LEANDRO

190 Begier Ave. - \$350,000
2444 Belvedere Ave. - \$230,000
15903 Berkshire Rd - \$249,500

1281 Brown Ct

1466 Castro St

14987 Crosby St

16500 Ehle St

16640 Ehle St

727 Estudillo Ave

205 Foothill Bl

15550 Harbor Way

15560 Harbor Way

15580 Harbor Way

707 Hollyhock Dr

1822 Lawndale Ave

341 MacArthur Bl

2037 Marneview Dr

1468 Pearson Ave

14416 Seagate Dr

550 Superior Ave

1000 Victoria Ave

1007 Warden Ave

344 West Broadmoor

SAN LORENZO

530 Cornell St
27 Paseo Grande
37 Paseo Grande
43 Via Matero
1456 Via Mesa - \$231,000
16048 Via Paro
18048 Via Valenc
933 William Dr. - \$300,000

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TOTAL SALES: 31

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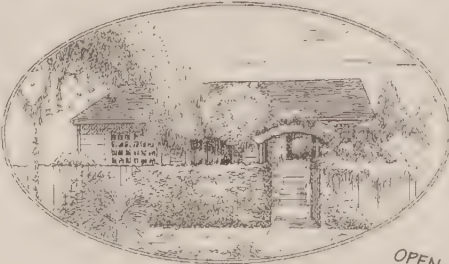
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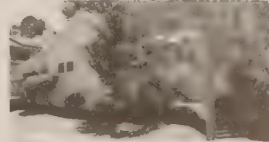
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## Site

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The site offers homeowners and remodeling enthusiasts one-stop shopping for all of their home improvement needs.

"Anyone can use this site to research, plan and purchase everything they need for their remodeling projects," says Pierce, who is vice-chairman of Homeknowledge.com. "And they can do it all in the comfort of their home."

Homeknowledge.com also helps consumers answer, in advance, the two most important questions they have about their remodeling project: "What will it look like when it's finished?"

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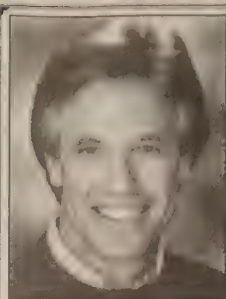
#### ALBANY • \$325,000

#### 951 Key Route Boulevard

2 bedrooms, 1 bath, with bonus room and bath, remodeled kitchen, formal dining room, hardwood floors, new exterior and interior paint, deep yard, 1-car garage with interior access, new roof.



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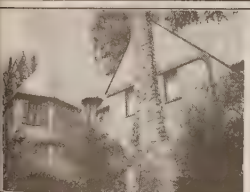


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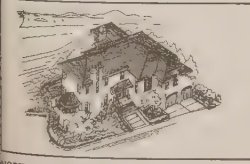
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#### Open Sunday



**BERKELEY \$1,999,000 9 Bridge Road.** New Listing! 4BA/2.5BA. Classic stately Tudor features elegant architecture, grand staircase, beamed ceilings, arched doorways & patio surrounded by gardens. Rosalie Woods



**NORTH OAKLAND HILLS \$1,998,000** 1007 Buckingham Blvd. Fulfill your dreams in this grand new 5BD/4+BA home with spectacular views. Inspirational design with classic proportions and fine details. David Ichikawa



**MONTCLAIR \$1,795,000 6539 Gwin Road.** New Listing! Breathtaking views and dramatic architecture are featured in this 5BD/4BA home by award winning designer/builder Gary York. Fabulous outdoor spaces! James Duffy



**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,100,000 4906** Pioneer Avenue. New Listing! Charming two story old August Company Mediterranean with in a beautiful location with 5BD/3.5BA. S.E. & Golden Gate Bridge views! Dee Knowland

#### Open Sunday

**PIEDMONT \$825,000 1 La Salle Avenue.** Sense of privacy and seclusion. Level in, level out 5+BD/3+BA, formal dining room, beautifully remodeled eat-in kitchen. Robyn Mohr

**MONTCLAIR \$689,000 1021 Aquarius Ave.** Charming newer 4BD/2.5BA home with courtyard entry and spacious decks. Family room off kitchen. Nancy Moore

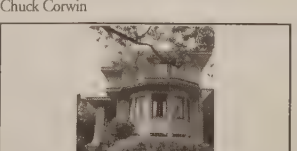
**CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$679,000 1108 Mandana Blvd.** Fabulous Traditional. 3BD/2+BA. Beautiful interiors & large tranquil garden. Anne Peste



**MONTCLAIR \$649,000 11015 Broadway Terrace.** New Listing! Fabulous 2BD/1.5BA home in a private setting, surrounded by impressive landscaped gardens, lap pool, Bay view and much more! Adriana Giacomelli

**PIEDMONT AVENUE \$549,000 1015 Rose Avenue.** Sensational duplex honored in Metropolitan Home Magazine. Each unit: 2BD/1BA. Huge rear garden. Carolyn Jones

**MONTCLAIR \$379,000 1929 Arrowhead Rd.** Delightful, all-level 3+BD/2BA home with family room, eat-in kitchen and DR, gardens, decks, FP, wood floors, and 3-car garage. Chuck Corwin



**OAKLAND/CROCKER \$525,000 652 Mandana Blvd.** New Listing! 3BD/1+BA, FDR, original built-ins, hardwood floors, updated kitchen & bath, yard. Jeffrey Himmel

#### Open Sunday



**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$489,000 16 Harbord Court.** New Listing! 3BD/2BA Upper Rockridge one-level Traditional. Updated kitchen, refinished hwd floors, large patio, freshly painted interior. Michelle Vasey



**RIDGEMONT \$459,000 4946 Stoneridge Court.** Open Sat. 12-3 & Sun. 2-4:30 New Listing! Sophisticated 3BD/2.5BA contemporary with FDR, living room opening to deck, large backyard and gorgeous views. Richard Gould



**MONTCLAIR \$395,000 5834 Moraga Ave.** Comfortable all-level 2 bedroom house with FDR, 2-car garage and large yard. Convenient to Montclair. Kathleen Callahan

**OAKLAND \$375,000 57 Sereno Circle.** New Listing! Contemporary 2BD/2BA townhome with views of SF and Bay. Includes loft with skylights, fireplace, FDR, kitchen w/patio access and 2-car garage with storage. Ann Nichols

**PIEDMONT AVENUE \$375,000 190 A & B Ridgeway Avenue.** New Listing! 1994 rebuilt duplex with 3BD/2BA unit and a 2BD/1BA unit. Convenient to Piedmont Avenue. Enjoy tranquil hill vistas from several decks. Kathy Flynn

#### Open Sunday



**OAKLAND \$244,500 2481 Park Blvd.** Open Sun. 2-4:30. 1920's Bungalow w/late addition. 3BD/1BA, plus room, FDR, w/built-ins. Living room w/FP. Joan E. Hulse



**MILLS COLLEGE \$219,000 2914 58th Avenue.** New Listing! Charming 1930's 2+BD/1BA bungalow. Living room w/FP, FDR, w/built-ins, plus room for office. Nice back yard. Thomas Wurst

#### By Appointment

**CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,595,000** Gorgeous hillside villa overlooking the Golden Gate. 4BD/3.5BA, with separate home office or in-law unit, fitness area, steam room and home entertainment center. Dee Knowland

**CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,495,000** Jonathan Lei's smashing new Contemporary. 4BD/4.5BA. Views of lush canyon and Bay. Dee Knowland

**PIEDMONT \$825,000** Charming, beautifully updated 4BD/2.5BA home. Gourmet kitchen/family room with FP and built-ins. Level out to large yard. Georgia Cornell

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$479,000** Lovely, spacious 4BD/2BA home with den plus an extra large bonus room. Secluded yards and deck. Dee Knowland

**BERKELEY/KENSINGTON \$385,000 & \$340,000** Two lots with spectacular Bay views. 9,470+/-sq.ft. (has driveway for level entry) & 7,650+/-sq.ft. Donna Costella

#### By Appointment

**OAKLAND \$289,000** Ranch style 3BD/1BA home on cul-de-sac. Hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, rear yard with covered patio, laundry. Great location. Lee Jacobson

#### Coming Soon



**NORTH OAKLAND HILLS \$1,450,000** This stylish 5BD/3.5BA Contemporary will add pizzazz to your life. Artful composition of color, spaces and materials. Fabulous fixtures and tile layouts. David Ichikawa

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$675,000** Stunning 4 BD.1.5BA Prairie style home on landscaped level lot. Hardwood floors, Craftsman details, updated kitchen. Beautifully maintained. Donna DeBardi



**MONTCLAIR \$489,000 4BD/3BA** Library with fireplace. Beautiful living room with beamed ceiling. Great yard and mature gardens.

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# Home Sales

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LOWEST PRICE: \$160,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$541,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$331,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$361,290

TOTAL SALES: 5  
LOWEST PRICE: \$175,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$535,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$286,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$356,200

TOTAL SALES: 14  
LOWEST PRICE: \$199,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$900,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$460,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$498,714

TOTAL SALES: 8  
LOWEST PRICE: \$127,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$483,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$327,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$324,375

TOTAL SALES: 5  
LOWEST PRICE: \$135,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$410,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$179,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$260,800

TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST PRICE: \$115,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$295,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$210,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$228,750

TOTAL SALES: 73  
LOWEST PRICE: \$98,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,400,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$200,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$272,973

TOTAL SALES: 1  
LOWEST PRICE: \$450,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$450,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$450,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$450,000

TOTAL SALES: 23  
LOWEST PRICE: \$62,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$325,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$150,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$166,543

TOTAL SALES: 23  
LOWEST PRICE: \$144,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$454,500  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$249,500  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$269,000

TOTAL SALES: 8  
LOWEST PRICE: \$170,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$319,500  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$225,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$236,063

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## Templeton name change

Templeton Company, Berkeley's leading residential real estate brokerage firm, founded in 1982, has announced an ownership change as of June 1. Paul Templeton, founder and longtime head of the firm and partner, Marlene Leverette, have announced that the company will now be known as Templeton Leverette Company.

Leverette, a partner for the past six years, will assume formal leadership and Paul Templeton will maintain an active role within the firm continuing to represent Templeton Leverette Company in the marketplace.

The firm has long been a major player in East Bay Real Estate, having achieved record-breaking prices in the upper-end market. Templeton

Leverette Company will continue to serve buyers and sellers in all price ranges throughout the East Bay including Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito, Kensington, Oakland, Piedmont, Lafayette, Orinda, Moraga and Walnut Creek.

Paul Templeton said, "I am very proud and happy with this announcement. Marlene and I have worked so well together in the past. Knowing that she is at the helm will allow me, with comfort, to take a less active role in the future."

Leverette said, "I am honored to lead this outstanding group of real estate professionals and our fine support staff. The Company will continue to maintain its presence as an independent firm, locally controlled and contributing to our community."

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**\$39,900 HILLMONT DR.**  
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**\$150,000 1428 3RD ST., Duplex.**  
Two 2-bedroom units. Needs lots of work. Great South Prescott location. Kathy Hirsch (510) 814-4706

**\$150,000 1434 3RD ST., Duplex**  
Two 2-bedroom units. Needs lots of work. Great South Prescott location. "As is" sale. Upper unit is 2 stories Kathy Hirsch (510) 814-4706

**\$160,000 1106 CAMPBELL ST. OPEN SAT. & SUN. 1-4.** Eastlake Victorian cottage! Lots of potential. Lots of work. Single level, 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, formal dining room. High basement and large attic could double house size. Great opportunity! Kathy Hirsch (510) 814-4706

**\$619,000 343 9TH ST.** Chinatown Golden Store Front Business Condo. 2nd floor can be added for extra space/income. Big kitchen, dining area, good for food business. Ringo Lui (510) 814-4848

**\$550,000 6459 MELVILLE DR.**  
Piedmont Pines Home with view of bay from upper deck. Four bedrooms, 2 full baths, remodeled kitchen, newer roof, deluxe master suite with deck, floor to ceiling windows in living room, and dining room, and cathedral ceilings. Two car attached garage. One block from Regional park. Bev & George Williams (510) 814-4831

#### San Leandro

**\$155,000 1400 CARPENTIER ST.**  
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**\$199,000 1400 CARPENTIER ST. #139** - Rare floor plan with 2 master bedrooms, each with private bathroom. Maculute! Ground floor unit with patio and courtyard view. All appliances stay. Shirley McWilliams (510) 814-4825

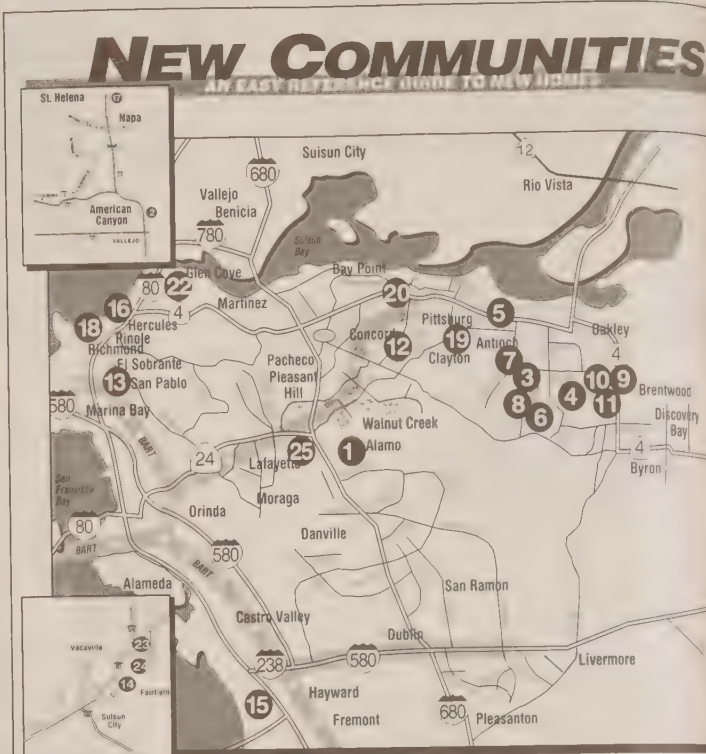
#### Castro Valley

**\$258,000 17412 ROLANDO AVENUE. OPEN SUN. 2-4.** Very well maintained single level home. Cul-de-sac location with beautiful yards! Three bedrooms, 1 bath, hardwood floors, newer roof, and attached garage. Move-in condition! Julie Rivard (510) 814-4870

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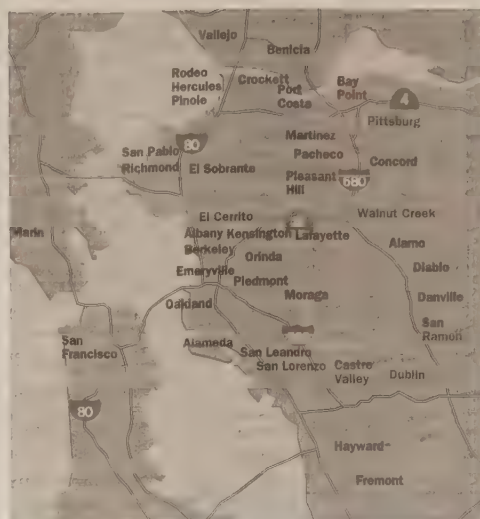
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 Quality work on all home projects & repairs. Carpentry, painting, plumbing, fences, etc. No job too small. Quick, reliable response at (925) 274-1118

## FREE ESTIMATE

Referrals, satisfaction guaranteed. Call (925) 274-1118

## 563 Hauling

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**HAULING DISTRICT**  
 35 tons (min.) haul anything. Also other things by truck. Call Van Dyke (925) 510-1019

## DAVID'S HAULING

David Singler  
 510-653-0445  
 Licensed & insured. Garages, basements, etc. Free estimates. Fast, friendly, same day service. Call (510) 653-0445

## COMPLETE HAULING

REMOVAL AND CLEANUP. Yard, garage, basements, etc. Free estimates. Fast, friendly, same day service. Call (510) 653-0445

## JS HAULING

Concrete hauling. Removal, demolition. Dump truck. Excavation. Free estimates. Call (510) 587-2138

## Abbey Haul/Clean Up

Prompt 925-837-6126

## SAME DAY SERVICE

Action Hauling A-Z. Sm. jobs ok. 925-938-5517

## SAME DAY SERVICE

Affordable local hauling. Free Est. Please call. Mac & PC. 925-746-4049

## AVAILABLE NOW

**AGUSTO HAULING**  
 Broom, brush, debris, etc. Free Est. Call (925) 676-1109

## ANYTHING HAULED

7 days. 925-871-4779

## QUALITY WORK

Call (925) 281-4339

## 563 Hauling

**A-1 SERVICE**  
 U.S. Hauling. Bobcat serv. dirt & concrete removal. On cleanup. No hauling. Call (510) 524-4777

## BIG JOHN'S HAULING

Free Est. Rain or shine. Quality work. 925-795-2045

## BOBACAT & DEBRIS SVCS

Call (925) 228-7576

## BUNN'S Hauling Large &

Small jobs. 925-510-1019

## COSTA HAULING

Bobcat Serv. Excavation, demolition. Dirt excavation, debris removal. 925-813-3703

## DASILVA HAULING

Debris removal. Grading. Bobcat work. 925-2033-3921

## Earth/Concrete

Demolition, Drilling, Grading. Excavating. 925-711-5111

## GENERAL CLEAN-UP

Small moving, remodeling, etc. 925-746-4049

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## HAULING AND EVERYTHING

Call (510) 587-2138

## HAULING DIRT & CONCRETE

Call (510) 587-2138

## MC HAULING

Concrete debris, tree svc. 925-882-1040

## NLS Hauling

Concrete, tree cutting, dirt removal, etc. 925-4315

## FREE ESTIMATE

Bobcat Serv. Excavation, demolition. 925-813-3703

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## 565 Housekeeping & Home Services

**CHAMBERLAIN'S** clean housekeeping. 925-250-4949

## CLAMPET Cleaning Services

housekeeping, windows, garage & hauling. 925-0740

## CRYSTAL BRIGHT

housekeeping services. 925-444-1193

## DUST AWAY

housekeeping services. 925-444-1193

## eButlers.com

housekeeping services. 925-444-1193

## GERMAN Cleaning Service

housekeeping services. 925-444-1193

## GLADYS HOUSECLEANING

housekeeping services. 925-444-1193

## GOOD PRICES

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## 565A Housekeeping Services

**RESPONSIBLE Adult** good rates & plants my specialty. 925-444-1193

## 566A Licensed Contractors

**KING OF DECKS** specialize in pressure washing. 925-444-1193

## 566B Masonry

**BRICK BLOCK & STONE** custom masonry. 925-444-1193

## 567a Moving

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## THRIFTY MOVING CO.

New 31 trucks, time starts at \$1.99. 925-444-1193

## Fast & Efficient

**568 Music Lessons & Services**

## PIANO LESSONS

Classical, Blues, Jazz, etc. 925-444-1193

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## 569 Painting & Wallpaper

**THE PAINT COMPANY** Interior/Exterior • Finest Prep-work • Waterproofing • Color Consultant • Residential/Commercial • Free Estimates • Insured • All Work Guaranteed. Lic. #515120. 510-527.2673

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**PAINTING** Residential/Commercial • Interior/Exterior • Waterproofing • Professional Preparation • Many local references • Fully insured • All work Guaranteed • Free Estimates. Lic. #70992. (510) 654-3339

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**Lafayette**

**JUNE 3-4TH, 8-4**  
**3161 STANLEY BLVD.**  
 Also 3147 Stanley Blvd  
 Solved office desk, antique  
 sewing machine, clothes,  
 household items

**MOVING SALE**  
**Fri & Sat 9-2**  
 Renovated house & then sold  
 it to sell hardware, lum-  
 ber, fixtures, fencing. Some  
 appliances, din. tbl, w/d chrs. &  
 2 beds, outdoor chrs. etc.  
 Baby items, clothes, matem-  
 on mats, women's, kids  
 clothes, Cass deck, phones,  
 costumes jewelry, too much to  
 list 3227 Wooded Creek Ln.  
 N. Pines Hill Rd

**MOVING SALE**  
 Saturday 9-3  
 Everything Must Go! Fum-  
 sure, dresser, din. tbl, too  
 household goods, clothes  
 more Cross St. Dewing off  
 Mt Diablo  
 3519 Bickerton #2 & 6

**MOVING SALE**  
 Saturday 9-3  
 3304 South Lucille Lane  
 (Cross Street: St. Mary's Rd.)  
 Tools, glass, exercise equip,  
 books, bookcases, TV, baby  
 equipment, furniture, wood-  
 picnic table & much more!

**ONE DAY ONLY SAT. JUNE 3**  
**BIG GARAGE SALE 8-4**  
 lots of great stuff for every-  
 one! Antiques, glassware,  
 and more!  
 4059 FIORA PL.  
 (off Acacinas Rd.)

**SATURDAY 6/3 9-3**  
**4105 LOS ARABIS DR.**  
 NEIGHBORHOOD  
**YARD SALE**  
 Fum & much more

**SATURDAY ONLY 8-4**  
 3410 McLELLAN CT.  
 (off Santa Anita Rd.)  
 Tools, glass, exercise equip,  
 books, bookcases, TV, baby  
 equipment, furniture, wood-  
 picnic table & much more!

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**Martinez**

**HUGE YARD SALE!**  
 Furniture, toys, antiques, etc.  
**SAT & SUN 10-7**  
**529 Palm Ave.**

**MOVING SALE**  
**Friday thru Sunday**  
 Fum., Garage & Garden Tools  
 Miscellaneous

**MOVING SALE**  
**SATURDAY ONLY 8-1 P.M.**  
 Rolling Hill to Elwoodwood  
 to 1000 McMillan Ct.  
 Appliances, furniture, books  
 household items, gardening tools,  
 IBM Selectric, desk w/turn,  
 and more

**MULTI FAMILY SALE**  
 SAT 8-4  
 Fum., clothes, household  
 items, craft supplies, knick  
 knacks  
 No early Birds Cash only  
 Arnold to Starflower to  
 2418 Twinnford Ct

**NAKED BOOIES**  
 SAT 9-3  
 Just kidding! Multi terrific  
 garage sale! Sofas, bed,  
 and Macintosh computers,  
 tools, misc.  
 SAT 9-3, 4786 Starflower Dr.

**469 PALM AVE.**  
 (Corner of Palm/Vista Way)  
**SATURDAY ONLY 8-7**  
 Furniture, dressers, bunk  
 beds, lots of children's stuff  
 (books, toys, etc.) and end-  
 with built-in stereo, & MORE!

**SAT ONLY 8-4**  
**1266 Center Ave.**  
 (off Morelo)

**SAT & SUN 8-12**  
**633 Sherree Ct.**

**Moraga**

**GARAGE SALE-SUNDAY**  
 JUNE 4TH  
 1515 Oak St.  
 New small tools & hand  
 items, CASH ONLY

**GIANT SALE**  
 SAT ONLY 8-4  
 116 DANERFIELD PLACE  
 Bed, dresser, nightstands,  
 drapes, chandelier, rugs,  
 lamps, clothes, pictures, sta-  
 reo & receiver, household  
 goods, kids' clothes & toys.

**LIQUIDATION SALE**  
 Many years of collecting fine  
 things! Int. crystal, silver lin-  
 ens, Oriental, lighted China  
 cab., marble top cab., sofas,  
 chrs., benches, lamps, and  
 table, glassware, coffee table,  
 tea cart, etc. Gary safe,  
 designer clothes/shoes, lots  
 costume jewelry, fine  
 glassware, light frzzer,  
 patio furn., & many misc.  
 items. Everything must be  
 sold in 2 days, Sat. Sun. June  
 3-4, 9 am-5 pm, 91 Devin Dr.

**YARD SALE**  
 MOVED downsizing drastically  
 lot furn. silver, linens,  
 g. quilt rack, lamps, books,  
 clothes, 1000 approx. frzzer,  
 air conditioner, etc. much  
 more Sanders to Hettled Pl  
 SATURDAY 9-4

**Oakland**

**4186 MAPLE AVE.**  
 (OFF CARLSON)  
**SATURDAY ONLY 9-3**  
 Vintage/collectibles, clothing,  
 books, computer desk, etc.

**MASSIVE SALE**  
 Priced to sell in 5 hours or  
 less. Kitchen items, glass-  
 ware, furniture, Avon & other  
 items. Sat. June 3, 8-1  
 3283 DAKOTA ST.  
 (off Midvale)

**MOVING SALE**  
**695 MARIPOSA AVE.**  
 (at Oakland Ave.)  
 SAT. 4, SUNDAY 8-3  
 Furniture, clothes, books &  
 more! (510) 652-7171

**MOVING SALE**  
**SAT. JUNE 3 10-12**  
 491 STOW AVE.  
 (off Newell)  
 No junk, good prices  
 Housewares, furniture, athlet-  
 ic equip., clothing & more

**MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE**  
 Tools, collectibles, records,  
 cookbooks, 2 new orchard  
 ladders, & misc.  
 SAT 9-4  
 2425 & 2427 ALIDA ST.  
 (near Lincoln Ave. at Alda)

**23rd Annual Block Sale**  
 Jordon Rd. to Oak, Bennett  
 (off Redwood Rd.) 20 - Fern-  
 lles, Fum., books, glass, col-  
 lectibles, records, etc.  
 Of course much much more!

**SATURDAY 6/3 9-1**  
 Baby, kids, household, office,  
 alarm, chairs, treasures, gar-  
 age, 1000 east, high St.  
 ext. night, off Virginia, right to  
 more

**2737 Monticello Ave.**

**SATURDAY 9-2**  
**686 MARIPOSA AVE.**  
 CROSS ST. OAKLAND AVE.  
 DISHWASHER, BABY STUFF,  
 STOVE, ETC.

**3089 SUTER STREET**  
 (off Coolidge)  
 SAT 9-2  
 Cross Street College  
 Furniture, Appliances, kids' stuff,  
 clothes, china & Much more

**FRIDAY, Sat. Sun. 8-4**  
 Tools, computer stuff, CDs,  
 Bose, stereo, light tape deck,  
 5 disc CD player, video cor-  
 rector, clothes, any refing  
 furn., frzzer, Pokemon cards,  
 Off Main St.  
 1180 Martin St.

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY**  
 Toys, hndld., indoor/outdoor  
 items, lots of misc. Colbor-  
 carmer, FREE CASH!

**Bargains Sat. After 2**  
 Follow signs Hwy. 4, Laurel  
 Meadows Ln.

**GARAGE SALE!**  
 Clothes, bikes, furn., etc.  
**2370 Windsor Ln.**  
 (cross st. is Clairmont)  
**SATURDAY ONLY, 8-3**

**HUGE SALE!**  
**4605 DUARTE AVE.**  
**SATURDAY 8-4**  
 Clothes, furn., kitchenware,  
 auto parts. Everything Goes!

**Huge Sale**  
**1489 Port Ct.**  
**FRI. SAT. 9-2**  
 Clothing, toys, Lots of Misc.  
 Everything Must Go!!

**MOVING SALE**  
**4011 Greenwood Ave.**  
**Sat. & Sun. 10-4 p.m.**  
 Everything Must Go.

**NEIGHBORHOOD SALE**  
 Saturday (6/3), 8-2 p.m.  
 (Off Hwy 4 & Carol Ln.)  
 Lots Off Good Stuff

**SAT. 8-2**  
**230 WOODGLEN PL.**  
 (off O'Hara)  
 Furniture, clothes, toys, &  
 much more!

**Orinda**

**FRI 9-5 & SAT 9-3**  
 201 Ivy Dr.  
 (corner Moraga Wy.)  
 Twin mattress, computer  
 desk, exercise equip., lg. an-  
 tique buffet, adult desk, per-  
 sonal, lots of misc. items  
 NO EARLY BIRDS

**MOVING & SIZING DOWN**  
 FRI 9-3, SAT 9-1  
 Antiques & ladies from  
 around the world: Incl. Vin-  
 tage American Indian Bas-  
 als & books. Thai exotically  
 embroidered wall hangings  
 African carvings, HAND (NOT  
 MACHINE) embroidered Chi-  
 nese jackets, slippers, & Wall  
 Panels, Shearman shelf unit,  
 antique oak din. & w/d, wine-  
 point chrs. from Norway, Lg  
 brass tray, task breakfast  
 & chrs. & rocker, wint. bdm  
 set & writing tbl, antique oak  
 commode, linens & lace,  
 bookcase, V/D, refrig. High-  
 way 24 to St. Stevens Ed to  
 Charles Hill to Diablo  
 View to 3 Bionas View

**SATURDAY June 3rd**  
**9 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
 3 Donna Maria Way  
 Toys, books, electrical &  
 household items

**Pacheco**

**HUGE GARAGE SALE**  
 FRI 9-1 & SAT 8-12  
**16 CROSBY CT.**  
 Furniture, clothes, patio furn-  
 iture & lots of misc. items

**Piedmont**

**ESTATE/GARAGE SALE**  
 SAT 9-2  
 2033 La Salle Ave.  
 (Corner of Oak & La Salle)  
 Antiques, collectibles,  
 general decorative items  
 Downsizing, HUGE

**MOVING SALE**  
 Sofa & loveseat, table, & lots  
 more

**SAT. SUN. 10-1**  
 108 MACKINNON PL.  
 (off Magnolia Ave.)

**PIEDMONT 1102** World  
 Ave. Sun. 8-11 & AM-2 PM  
 Cash & Carry. Light oak office  
 desk, w/d, return in traffic  
 conditions oak coffee table,  
 19" color TV, table lamp  
 com. wood high chair, other  
 misc

**Pinole**

**FRI-SAT. 8-4**  
**2819 DODGE AVE.**  
 (off Wright Ave.)  
 Cardiology, furniture, hndld.  
 and clothes

**GARAGE SALE**  
**Saturday, 9 am-2 pm**  
**620 Marlesta Road**  
 (Cross St.: Applian Wy)

**SAT ONLY 8-2**  
 330 33rd St.  
 (off Simas Ave.)  
 Couch, chrs, 1000 shoes, sta-  
 reo, aquarium, phone,  
 clothes, chair, much more

**FRIDAY, Sat. Sun. 8-4**  
 Tools, computer stuff, CDs,  
 Bose, stereo, light tape deck,  
 5 disc CD player, video cor-  
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 much more!

**Pleasant Hill**

**ESTATE/GARAGE SALE**  
 8-4  
 NO EARLY BIRDS  
 1936 Patricia Dr.  
 Bd. rm. set, queen size bd.  
 book shelves & many other  
 things

**ESTATE/Liquidation/Garage Sale**  
 1955 Battler Rd. off  
 Grayson Rd. 8AM-4PM Sat  
 3rd Alum boat & motor, bi-  
 cycles, antique furn., other  
 furn., misc. household items  
 books, tools, clothing, can-  
 ning jars & much more!

**3 FAMILY SALE**  
 SAT 9-3 only 8-1  
 1967, 1972, 1978 Lucille  
 Sofa matching chrs; din. bed  
 w/d, misc. household items  
 & chrs. & rocker, wint. bdm  
 set & writing tbl, antique oak  
 commode, linens & lace,  
 bookcase, V/D, refrig. High-  
 way 24 to St. Stevens Ed to  
 Charles Hill to Diablo  
 View to 3 Bionas View

**GARAGE SALE**  
 Fum., dishes, linen, clothing  
 Stained glass & phonograph  
 records

**204 Powell Ave.**  
 (Poet's corner) Sat. 8-1 p.m

**GARAGE SALE**  
**1002 Pleasant Valley Dr.**  
 Toys, Treasures & Furniture  
**Saturday 9-3 p.m.**

**GARAGE SALE**  
 SAT (6/3) 8-2 p.m.  
**6 Hardwood Ct.**  
 Adult & baby clothing, crib,  
 toys, plumbier items, house-  
 wares & misc.

**2007 HELEN RD**  
 (off Gregory Lane)  
 SAT 9-2  
 Books, videos, hndld items,  
 antiques, lots of ribbon, kids  
 toys, Doll House

**HUGE FABRIC GARAGE**  
 For Drapery, upholstery  
 pillows, crafts, quilts, lining &  
 sheers, yards & pieces  
 Saturday 6:00, 8-5 p.m  
 9000 Highway 101  
 (Just off Oak Park Blvd.)

**282 JENNIFER WAY**  
 Sat. Sun. 8-5 Take Gregory  
 Ln. to Blencora Dr. then left  
 to Ardith & go to end. Follow  
 signs, turn right on 2nd  
 shape, turn left, sat. lamps,  
 books, collect., Art, etc.

**MOVING SALE!**  
**1009 SANTA CRUZ DR.**  
 (Willow Pass/Santa Monica)  
**SATURDAY ONLY 9-3**  
 Furniture, hndld., tools,  
 books, TV, desk, & more!

**SAT. 8-4**  
 Old English, table, mower,  
 robot, tandem bike  
 chairs, tools, collectibles,  
 books, clothes, kitchen  
 items, MUCH MUCH MORE!

**404 ROBERTA AVE.**  
 (Poet's Corner/off Patterson)

**SAT. ONLY, 9-3**  
**Multi-Family**  
**Garage Sale**  
 Sat. Sun. 8-4  
 (Off Morelo/Oldin)

**SAT & SUN 9-3**  
**1403 Stonehedge Dr.**  
 Morelo to Elwoodwood  
 Piano, TV, skis, toys, sporting  
 goods. Many 51 items

**SATURDAY 9-4**  
 Garage Sale, Beanie Babies,  
 Bradford plates, misc. kitch-  
 en items, some misc. knick-  
 knacks, no early birds

**348 Gloria Dr.**

**YARD & ESTATE SALE**  
 SAT 9-2  
**21 DARIAN LANE**  
 Twin bed, dresser, desks,  
 dresser, kt. tbl, misc. furn.  
 & adult clothes, lots of  
 misc items

**YARD SALE**  
 Sat. 6/3, 9-1  
 Household & garden goods,  
 patio sets, lawn/mower, lawn  
 polisher, Polaris, glassware,  
 electronic, yewville  
 MUCH MORE!  
 1961 ROSE LANE

**Pleasanton**

**CUL-DE-SAC SALE**  
**SAT. 8-1**  
 Follow signs from Bernal &  
 Sun. Blvd.  
 Something for everyone!

**3 FAMILY SALE**  
**SAT. 8-2**  
 No early birds

**4771 McHenry Gateway**

**FRI-SAT. 8-5**  
 5825 ARTHUR RD  
 off Hoppy & Valley  
 Antiques, clocks, Hummels,  
 jewelry, oak rocker, Polaris  
 Antiques, clock radio -  
 circa 1932, & more!

**Pleasanton**

**Fri-Sat. June 2-3, 8-12**  
 Baby crib, dresser, electric  
 swing, toys, boys clothes, &  
 misc items  
 3760 MOHR AVE  
 (off Santa Rita)

**FRI-SAT. June 2-3, 8-4**  
**3150 LANSDOWN CT.**  
 (off West Las Positas, east of  
 Santa Rita in the Fairlands)  
 Golf clubs, dishes, clothing,  
 and much more

**GARAGE SALE**  
**Fri. Sat. 9-4**  
 Fum., household kitchen-  
 ware, glassware, hpic. tools  
 large 82 hndld. toys  
 5527 Blackbird Dr.

**108 HGV**  
**COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE**  
 Furniture, appliances, bikes,  
 toys, clothes, books, Beanie's  
 & much more!  
 SAT-SUN 8-5  
 Corner of Stanley & First St  
 California Reflection

**ARGE SALE** Sat. June 3rd,  
 9-2, No Early Birds, 4004  
 Wingate Dr. (Off Greenwood  
 nr. Black) Many kids' items,  
 carpets, toys, clothes, out-  
 door playhouse, sm. pet ig-  
 loo, track, hndld. items &  
 much more

**MOVING SALE**  
 1624 ORCHARD WAY  
 Furniture, glassware, records,  
 flowers, carter, pieces  
 books, sewing stuff, lamps  
 hndld. items, decor, pil-  
 lows, bedding, golf clubs

**MULTI FAMILY Moving Sale**  
 SAT JUNE 3, 8-1  
 Furniture, baby clothes, baby  
 items, toys, carpet, fence  
 children's clothes, toys,  
 materials & hndld items  
 1619 Hulse Blvd.  
 (near Baywood & Black)

**SAT. 8-4**  
**3146 BOARDWALK ST.**  
 (off West Las Positas)  
 Furniture, 1261 Jct. Skt, Ford  
 truck, clothes, elks, carpet  
 cleaning machine, etc.

**SAT. 9-4**  
**3173 BOARDWALK ST.**  
 (off West Las Positas)  
 Clothing, household items  
 furniture, books, mattresses  
 sofas, sporting goods, etc.

**SAT. 8-1**  
**5478 CORTE PALOMA**  
 (off Black/Hoppy)  
 Kids' clothes, hardware &  
 kids/baby stuff

**SAT. JUNE 3, 8-1**  
 Big variety of items including  
 1619 Hulse Blvd.  
 4624 Fall Ct.  
 (off Harvest Dr.)

**Sat-Sun. 8-3**  
**3818 KAMP DR.**  
 Off Stoneridge Dr. Futon, oth-  
 rm. furn., baby & girls' clothing  
 baby swing, toys, women's  
 clothing & shoes & more

**SAT. 9-2**  
 2812 Shelton Dr.  
 SAT 9-2  
 Furniture, 1261 Jct. Skt, Ford  
 truck, clothes, elks, carpet  
 cleaning machine, etc.

**ESTATE SALE**  
**SAT ONLY 9-2**  
**693 Yuba St.**  
 Everything Goes!

**ESTATE SALE**  
 Sat. 6/3, Sun. 10-2  
 Fum., beds, dining rm. set,  
 coffee cup collection, many  
 ceramic pots; cookbook col-  
 lect, misc. household items

**FRIDAY SAT. 9-5**  
 Dinette set; guardian service  
 pots; vintage hats; lawn  
 bedding & much more!

**1410 OHIO AVE.**

**FRI & SAT 9-3**  
**613 40th St**  
**MULTI FAMILY SALE**  
 Jewelry, furniture, dishes, etc

**MOVING SALE**  
**SAT. JUNE 3, 10-3**  
 Furniture & Baby Stuff  
 3017 MAY RD  
 (off Valley View)

**MOVING SALE**  
 Saturday & Sunday, 10-4  
 149 16th St.  
 Kids' & women's & men's  
 clothing, furn., dishwasher,  
 household goods & much  
 more!

**MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE**  
 Sat. Sun. 8-4, 9-4 - 4 PM  
 900 Block of Yale St.  
 5500 Edmond off Mcbride  
 Furniture, mattresses, toys,  
 crib, clothes, crafts, planters  
 trails, bird houses And Much  
 Much More

**Richmond**

**RICHMOND ANNEX**  
 Staging Company is  
 downsizing!!  
 Something for every room-  
 living & dining, kids bed & ba-  
 by, sat. June 3rd, 10-3  
 6100 San Jose Street  
 (Bet. Carlson & San Pablo)

**YARD SALE**  
**une 3-4**  
 SAT & SUN  
 10 to 5 pm  
 4411 Meadowbrook Dr.  
 CALL (510) 799-2972

**Rodeo**

**HUGE SALE**  
 SAT 9-4  
 536 ELM DR. (off Vaqueros in  
 the Highlands)  
 Gymboree clothing, women's  
 large 82 hndld. toys  
 books, cards, glassware  
 furniture, jewelry, etc.

**HIGH PARKING LOT SALE**  
 Sunday only 9-4  
 861 Laurel Ct.  
 RICHMOND CLUB

**SAT & SUN 9-3**  
 Over 500 Babies, Babes,  
 Bunnies & some kids and  
 German & Brittanias. Also  
 desks, lamps, clothes, sta-  
 reo, Lylecra, mfg. Yellow  
 View Pl. to Reef Pl. Dr. to  
 798 Reef Pt. Ct.

**San Pablo**

**4-FAMILY Garage Sale**  
 SAT (6/3) & SUN (6/4)  
**8:00 to 5:00**  
**2056 Murphy Dr.**  
 (510) 724-6341

**FRIDAY/SATURDAY 9-7**  
 SAT 9-4 & SUN 9-2  
**2722 18th St.**  
 Toys, clothes, organ, West-  
 ern books, PK, sinks, etc. &  
 misc

**San Ramon**

**BLOCK SALE**  
 SAT 9-2  
 CASTLETON, CT., CUENCA  
 DR. WESTVALE  
 SAT 9-4 & SUN 9-2  
 Children's clothes, toys,  
 furniture. Something for ev-  
 eryone

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 201**  
 ANNUAL GARAGE SALE  
 Toys, clothes, furn., sports &  
 lots more Come & Support  
 the Boy Scouts  
 SAT 9-3, 9-4

**2617 MENORCA CT.**  
 (nr. Cuernca)  
 Antiques, china, silver, jew-  
 elry, Kilim rugs, table, clothing  
 etc. No early birds  
 Anne deck, roll top desk, pine  
 coffee/bed. tables, & more  
 1112 E. Currier

**GARAGE SALE**  
 2922 Comitas Dr.  
 Sat & Sun 8:00 - 9:4  
 (Off Castle Rock) Quality oak  
 furn., handcarp items, 2 lift  
 chrs., photo equip, books  
 household items, toys, gar-  
 den items, sporting goods

**GARAGE SALE**  
 SAT 9-4  
 145 FIRESTONE DR.  
 Misc. hndld. goods, furn. toys,  
 bedspreads, lots of  
 stuff! Moving!

**GARAGE SALE**  
 Saturday 9-12 Noon  
 Kids' stuff, computer, stuff,  
 furniture, aver. equip., yard  
 tools, bike, bicycle, computer  
 15 monitor, 1000 books  
 household items, toys, gar-  
 den items, sporting goods

**MOVING SALE**  
 SAT 9-4  
 301 ALMOND CT.  
 (off Broadmoor)  
 SATURDAY 7:30-4PM  
 Baby furn., couch, desk, patio  
 furn., lots of misc. items  
 MULTI FAMILY COURT SALE  
 Sat. Sun. 9-2  
 Twin Creeks area

**FERNANDO CT.**  
 Children's toys & furniture  
 other furniture, Chinese  
 antiques & collectibles  
 SAT JUNE 3, 9-2

**MULTI FAMILY SALE**  
 Sat. Sun. 9-2  
 Fum., Conn organ, head-  
 board, tables chrome &  
 Swedish, stor. cab., camp-  
 ing gear, luggage, misc.  
 7515 Comins Pl.

**MULTI FAMILY SALE**  
 Saturday 8 AM-12 PM  
 Antiques, clothing, household  
 goods, sporting goods, furni-  
 ture, kids stuff & more  
 Access to Devona to  
 Ethan Ct. Use  
 312 Ethan Ct. for directions

**MULTI-FAMILY SALE**  
**SAT. ONLY 8:30-2**  
 Treadmill, Weber BBQ, strol-  
 ler, bookcase, VCR, turf  
 mower, Mtn. bike, ladies golf  
 clubs 139 Enchanted Way  
 (off Bancroft Rd.)

**MOVING SALE**  
 SAT ONLY 9-1  
 2210 Hillside Ct.  
 (off Parkside)  
 Good items! Good prices  
 Sutherly block, bdm set,  
 chrs., sofas, etc. Kitchen lin-  
 ens, deco, golf clubs, misc

**MOVING SALE**  
**SAT. ONLY 8-3**  
 Furniture, exercise equip,  
 kitchen galore, hardware &  
 household

**NEIGHBORHOOD SALE**  
 SAT ONLY 9-2  
 Magnolia/Camella Loop  
 1939, 1938, 1741 Magnolia  
 Way  
 Fri. Sat. Sun. 9-4  
 2826 ST. DENIS DR.  
 (Montevideo to Davona)

**San Ramon**

**QUALITY KID'S STUFF**  
 SAT ONLY 8-2 P.M.  
 133 Woodview Circle  
 New swing & crib, mattress,  
 cradle, crib seats (2), toys,  
 infant seat, bounce seat, crib  
 seat & cot, cribs (0-4),  
 pottie seats No Early Birds

**SAT ONLY 8-1**  
**THE BIG ONE!**  
 5th Annual Community Sale  
 Over 100 neighbors. Pick up  
 map at 9404 Cypress Fields  
 Dr. or call for more info &  
 directions 925/606-8771

**Vallejo**

**MULTI FAMILY SALE**  
**SAT. SUN. 10-4**  
 Fum., clothes, toys, reg. tools,  
 kitchenware MISC  
**449 MAPLE AVE.**

**Walnut Creek**

**Awesome Multi Family**  
**Court Sale**  
 Toys, clothes, furniture, tools  
 Sat. 9-4 & SUN 9-2  
 Everything goes  
 1836 Gilt Port Ct.

**BOOK SALE**  
 SAT June 3rd, 10 am-5 pm  
**Ygnacio Valley Library**  
 2661 Oak Grove Road  
 Paperback \$50

**ESTATE SALE**  
**FRI. SAT. 9-4**  
 Furniture, lots of misc.  
 356 CLAIBORNE DR.  
 Cross St. Treasurage

**2 FAMILY**  
**GARAGE/ESTATE SALE**  
 2108 ABBINGTON CT.  
 SAT 9-4 & SUN 9-2  
 Salesman Samples (men's &  
 women's clothes), VCR,  
 furn., kids' clothes/toys, in-  
 ens, & various hndld items  
 Sat. 9-4 & SUN 9-2  
 Family RETURNING FROM  
 OVERSEAS SALE  
 SAT 9-2  
 Batten furn., antiques, bunk  
 beds, desk, Mervin washer  
 toys, books, etc.

**740 SAVANNAH CIR.**  
 FURNITURE SALE! SAT 9-4 &  
 SUN 9-2. Carved pine ar-  
 mored/crown room set, w/d  
 chrs. & matching hndld  
 1940's art deco bed, sofa set  
 floral sofa, feather down  
 chrs., bookcase, Queen  
 Anne deck, roll top desk, pine  
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 Misc. hndld. goods, furn. toys,  
 bedspreads, lots of  
 stuff! Moving!

**GARAGE SALE**  
 June 3rd, 8AM-2PM  
 2593 Chayenne Ct.  
 Furniture, aver. equip., yard  
 tools, bike, bicycle, computer  
 15 monitor, 1000 books  
 household items, toys, gar-  
 den items, sporting goods

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**MOVING SALE**  
 SAT & SUN 7-3-3  
 754 Appaloosa Drive  
 (Cross St. Diagonally) Lane)  
 W/D, paintings, misc. house-  
 hold items, exercise equip,  
 patio furn., TV's, VCR, chest  
 freezer, firewood & more

**MULTI FAMILY Garage Sale**  
**SAT. ONLY 8-1**  
 off Chubbuck off Wigot  
 Crib, bikes, free sofabed  
 pieces, chandelier, frzzer  
 nest & books

**MULTI-FAMILY SALE**  
 Sports, garden, hardware  
 household - unique items &  
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 Saturday Only 9-4  
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## Improvement

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or local consumer agency to find out what the law is in your area.

Try to make payments during the project contingent upon completion of a defined amount of work. This way, if the work is not proceeding according to schedule, the payments also are delayed.

Don't make the final payment or sign an affidavit of final release until you are satisfied with the work and know that the subcontractors and suppliers have been paid. Lien laws in your state may allow subcontractors and/or suppliers to file a mechanic's lien against your home to satisfy their unpaid bills. Contact your local consumer agency for an explanation of lien laws where you live.

Some state or local laws limit the amount by which the final bill can exceed the estimate, unless you have approved the increase. Check with your local consumer agency.

If you have a problem with merchandise or services that you charged to a credit card, and you have made a good faith effort to work out the problem with the seller, you have the right to withhold from the card issuer payment for the merchandise or services.

You can withhold payment up to the amount of credit outstanding for the purchase, plus any finance or related charges.

### The "Home Improvement" Loan Scam

A contractor calls or knocks on your door and offers to install a new roof or remodel your kitchen at a

price that sounds reasonable.

You tell him you're interested, but can't afford it. He tells you it's no problem—he can arrange financing through a lender he knows. You agree to the project, and the contractor begins work.

At some point after the contractor begins, you are asked to sign a lot of papers. The papers may be blank or the lender may rush you to sign before you have time to read what you've been given to sign. You sign the papers.

Later, you realize that the papers you signed are a home equity loan. The interest rate, points and fees seem very high.

To make matters worse, the work on your home isn't done right or hasn't been completed, and the contractor, who may have been paid by the lender, has little interest in completing the work to your satisfaction.

### Never, ever

■ Agree to a home equity loan if you don't have enough money to make the monthly payments.

■ Sign any document you haven't read or any document that has blank spaces to be filled in after you sign.

■ Let anyone pressure you into signing any document. Deed your property to anyone. First consult an attorney, a knowledgeable family member, or someone else you trust.

■ Agree to financing through your contractor without shopping around and comparing loan terms.

### Getting a Written Contract

Contract requirements vary. Even if your state does not require a written agreement, ask for one. A contract spells out who, what, where, when, and cost of your project.

The agreement should be clear, concise and complete. Before you sign a contract, make sure it contains:

■ The contractor's name, address, phone, and license number, if required. The payment schedule for the contractor, subcontractors and suppliers.

■ An estimated start and completion date.

■ The contractor's obligation to obtain all necessary permits.

■ How change orders will be handled. A change order—common on most remodeling jobs—is a written authorization to the contractor to make a change or addition to the work described in the original contract.

It could affect the project's cost and schedule. Remodelers often require payment for change orders before work begins.

■ A detailed list of all materials including color, model, size, brand name, and product.

■ Warranties covering materials and workmanship. The names and addresses of the parties honoring the warranties—contractor, distributor or manufacturer—must be identified. The length of the warranty period and any limitations also should be spelled out.

■ What the contractor will and will not do. For example, is site cleanup and trash hauling included in the price?

Ask for a "broom clause." It makes the contractor responsible for all clean-up work, including spills and stains.

■ Oral promises also should be added to the written contract.

■ A written statement of your right to cancel the contract within three business days if you signed it

## Don't make the final payment or sign an affidavit of final release until you are satisfied with the work and know that the subcontractors and suppliers have been paid.

in your home or at a location other than the seller's permanent place of business.

During the sales transaction, the salesperson (contractor) must give you two copies of a cancellation form (one to keep and one to send back to the company) and a copy of your contract or receipt.

The contract or receipt must be dated, show the name and address of the seller, and explain your right to cancel.

### Keeping Records

Keep all paperwork related to your project in one place.

This includes copies of the contract, change orders and correspondence with your home improvement professionals. Keep a log or journal of all phone calls, conversations and activities.

You also might want to take photographs as the job progresses. These records are especially important if you have problems with your project—during or after construction.

### Completing the Job: A Checklist

Before you sign off and make the final payment, use this checklist to

make sure the job is complete. Check that:

■ All work meets the standards spelled out in the contract.

■ You have written warranties for materials and workmanship.

■ You have proof that all subcontractors and suppliers have been paid.

■ The job site has been cleaned up and cleared of excess materials, tools and equipment.

■ You have inspected and approved the completed work.

### Where to Complain

If you have a problem with your home improvement project, first try to resolve it with the contractor. Many disputes can be resolved at this level.

Follow any phone conversations with a letter you send by certified mail. Request a return receipt. That's your proof that the company received your letter. Keep a copy for your files.

If you can't get satisfaction, consider contacting the following organizations for further information and help:

■ State and local consumer protection offices.

■ Your state or local Builders Association and/or Remodelers Council.

■ Your local Better Business Bureau.

■ Action line and consumer reporters. Check with your local newspaper, TV, and radio stations for contacts.

■ Local dispute resolution programs.

### For More Information

You can file a complaint with the

FTC by contacting Response Center by phone at 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-4357) or 202-326-2502; by mail: Consumer Response Center, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC 20580; or on the Internet, using the complaint form.

Although the Commission does not resolve individual consumer issues, it can act as a party if it sees a pattern of law violations.

The Federal Trade Commission publishes free brochures on consumer issues. For a complete list of publications, write for Consumers, Consumer Response, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20580; or call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-4357). TDD 202-326-2502.

Contact the National Association of Home Builders Remodelers Council for a comprehensive list of choosing the right professional remodeler and managing your project. The Remodeling Resource.

To order a free copy of "Find a Professional," send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: NAHB Remodelers Council, Dept. FT 1201-1, Washington, DC 20005.

National Association of Consumer Agency Administrators, 1110 Mont Avenue, NW, Suite 514, Arlington, DC 20005. naca@aerols.com

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## Historic Bay Area

### Albany

**Albany Historical Archives.** For years this collection of photos and documents was in the home of the late Catherine Webb, the city's longtime historian.

Today the collection is at the Albany Library. 510-526-3720.

### Berkeley

**Berkeley Historical Society.** The society offers walking tours during the Spring and Fall, and runs the **Berkeley Historical Society Museum**, 1931 Center St. Free. 510-848-0181.

**UC Berkeley.** Student-led tours describe the university's history and take visitors to the top of the 307-

foot Campanile, Oxford Street and University Avenue. 510-642-5215. www.berkeley.edu/news/index.html

### El Cerrito

The **El Cerrito Historical Society** meets several times a year. Artifacts and documents are at the Library, 6500 Stockton Ave. P.O. Box 304, El Cerrito, 94530, or call Art Schroeder at 510-525-0177.

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**3510 BRUNELL DRIVE.....\$449,000**  
Just Listed! Attractive, 3BD/2 BDR, 2nd floor contemporary w/vaulted ceilings & quality through-out. Spacious master BDR suite, FR, w/FP, fab bath w/granite counters & hrdwd flr, large LR w/ fireplace, flowering garden & decks. Excellent lot!  
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Section C

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## Area tracksters shine at Meet of Champions

### St. Mary's sends six boys, four girls to state meet

#### Glenn does personal best in high jump

By Scott Strain  
STAFF WRITER

Given the fact that the St. Mary's track and field teams sent a large contingent of athletes to the California Interscholastic Federation State Meet, which starts tonight at Cerritos College in Norwalk, it is not beyond the realm of possibility that a state title could lurk in there somewhere.

The Panthers had a whole host of athletes, both boys and girls, who qualified for the state meet by doing well in last weekend's Meet of Champions, which was held at Edwards Stadium.

Led by high jumper Ebon Glenn, who had at personal best of 6 feet, 11 inches and two relay teams that won at the MOC, St. Mary's could have a shot to win the boys team title, but everything needs to break right for the Panthers.

In the sprints, they don't have one outstanding performer that seems to be the bedrock for a winning team. What they do have is a lot of good individual performers who need to place high.

Six boys advanced to the MOC finals and all six qualified for the state meet. About the only discordant note was that Trestin George did not advance in the long jump. Otherwise, as sprinter Denye Versher said, it was "almost perfect."

Versher, who won the 400 meters in 48.55 seconds, is the team's top sprinter, but according to state rankings, is just the ninth fastest going to the state meet. Tramon Walton of Chino is the state leader in 47.88.

If Versher could break 48 seconds, he would have a chance to place. Sophomore teammate Chris Dunbar, who finished second at the MOC, is 13th in the state at 48.83.

Junior Sean Geraghty finished third in the MOC with a time of 1:56.55 in the 800 and that puts him 17th on the list. A top 10 finish is not out of realm of possibility, but he would have to break 1:55 to do it.

Halihl Guy, who ran for Berkeley the last two years, won the 300 hurdles in 38.23, which is eighth in the state. Guy has a shot to finish in the top six, but he'll have to cut his time by about a half-second to do it.

The 400 relay team of Asokah

Muhammad, Versher, Dunbar and Connor Banks ran 42.00 in the MOC, which gives them the 10th best time in the state. University City-San Diego leads with a 41.18 clocking. The 1,600 relay team of Dunbar, Julian Keyes, Guy and Versher ran 3:17.77, which is the seventh fastest in the state. In this event, Serra leads with 3:13.72.

Solomon Welch finished first in the triple jump (47-9½) and was second in the long jump (22-3). Welch's triple jump mark is fifth in California with Anton Parker of Highland leading at 49-9½. Muhammed finished second in triple jump (46-3½) and will go to State.

On the girls side, the big story was Kamaia Warren defeating rival Michelle Daggs by four inches to finish second in the shot put last Friday. Warren threw 44-1 and Daggs 43-9. Both lost to Amanda Garcia of Carondelet, who threw 46-9½.

Warren also advanced in the discus, throwing 136-5 to finish second behind Daggs (145-8).

Warren has the seventh best mark going into State in the shot and is 11th in the discus.

Triple jumper Tiffany Johnson (38-2) finished second to Hayward's Kalani Holleman (38-7¼) and has the 12th best mark going into state.

A surprise could be in store for sophomore hurler Danielle Stokes, who had the second best time (14.58) behind El Cerrito's Ashley Lodree (14.46) in the 100 highs.

Stokes has the seventh best qualifying mark, but only .15 of a second separates her from cracking the top three. Tamara Guley of Oak Grove leads with 13.76.

Bridget Duffy will have to crack the "Bei window" if she is to become the top 1,600 runner in Northern California. Duffy, who ran 4:56.60 at the MOC, was still third to Sara Bei of Montgomery-Santa Rosa, who ran 4:49.09 and Jenny Aldridge of Maria Carrillo-Santa Rosa, who was second in 4:56.40.

Bei has the second best qualifying time, Aldridge the third and Duffy the sixth.

The leader is Alejandra Barrientos of Felton-San Lorenzo Valley who qualified with 4:47.56.



ST. MARY'S SOLOMON WELCH jumped a 21'-1/25" jump at the Meet Of Champions track meet on Saturday, May 27 at UC Berkeley's Edwards Stadium.

STEVE MASLANKA

## Berkeley's girls 400 relay top in state

By Scott Strain  
STAFF WRITER

The crowd at the North Coast Section Meet of Champions went "ooh" when it heard that the girls 400-meter relay team from J.W. North High School-Riverside had dropped the baton in the Southern Section finals on Friday night.

The North ladies had the top time in the state in the event, but won't be going to this weekend's California Interscholastic Federation State Meet at Cerritos College in Norwalk. The Berkeley girls, who now have the top qualifying time at 46.13 seconds, know it could happen to them, but don't dwell on it.

"We talked about it," sprinter Aisha Margain said, "but we're not scared by it. We know it could happen."

The quartet of Traci Estell, Katrina Keith, Raqueta Margain and Aisha Margain were chased by James Logan, which finish second in 46.77. The 1,600 relay team of T'Carra Penick, Keith and the Margains also won the MOC event in 3:48.28 and weren't pushed. That represents the fourth-best qualifying time in the state behind North (3:39.48), Wilson-Long Beach (3:39.64) and Poly-Long Beach (3:45.04). Figure North is going to be some kind of mad after what happen in the 400 relay and this should be one of the best races of the day.

The senior Margain has the best qualifying time in both the 100 (11.63) and 200 (23.65) and looks to be a shoo-in for

at least one title. But the margins aren't that great. Margain's biggest competition should be from Tiffany Bennett of Centennial in the 100 (11.69) and Monique Henderson of Morse-San Diego in the 200 (23.70). Angel Perkins of Gahr is third at 23.78.

Keith also qualified in the 100 (fourth — 12:03) and third in the 200 (24.68). Penick, who finished fourth in the MOC in the 400 with a time of 57.19, has the 14th best qualifying mark in the state. Henderson leads with 51.31.

Simone Brooks finished second to Ashley Lodree of El Cerrito in the 100 high hurdles and was third in the 300 lows. She finished the 100s in 14.65 with Lodree at 14.46. The state leader is Tamara Guley of Oak Grove at 13.78. Brooks was third behind Lodree (43.98) and April Russell of De Anza (43.43) in the 300, running in 45.22. Lashinda Demus of Wilson-Long Beach is the qualifying leader at 41.20.

Laura Winnacker, who made it to the state finals last year in the high jump at 5 feet, 6 inches, failed to qualify this year. She went 5-3 at the MOC and finished fifth. Four qualified.

A not-so-funny thing happened to hurdler Daveed Diggs in the 300 trials on Friday; he was almost disqualified for something he didn't do. Diggs won his heat, but his name did not appear on the event results slip after the race.

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STEVE MASLANKA

EL CERRITO'S Ashley Lodree come in a nose ahead of St. Mary's Danielle Stokes in the Girls 100M high hurdles.

## EC's Lodree, Onyenegecha make state meet

By Scott Strain  
STAFF WRITER

Two up-and-coming El Cerrito High school track athletes, junior Joe-K Onyenegecha and freshman Ashley Lodree,

have qualified for the California Interscholastic Federation Track and Field Meet that starts today at Cerritos College in Norwalk.

Onyenegecha won the boys 100 in a time of 10.90 seconds, and also won the

200 in time of 22.23. He was the fullback on the Gauchos' league-championship football team and is just in his first year of running.

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ALBANY-BERKELEY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

By Lucia Hecht  
GAMES OF MAY 24-25  
NO GAMES MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Micro Division

**The Tiddlywinks Andronico's All-Stars**  
The All-Stars and the Tiddlywinks met yet again at Codornices Park in what could be only be described as a display of speed and strong defense.

In the first inning, the Tiddlywinks' Katie Tick was on second when Aisha Ferrazares slapped the ball to shortstop. All-Star Avery Peyton scooped up the ball and attempted the force out at third, but Tick beat her to the base. The next Tiddlywink grounded to pitcher Fiona Riley, who threw to Dominique Hall for the putout at first base.

During the All-Stars' at-bat, Hall smacked the ball between first and second, where Elana Jacobs-Pontecorvo fielded it, and then ran to the base for the out.

The second inning brought similar achievements. Early in the top of the inning, All-Star Zia Walker gloved a ball hit back to the pitcher and threw to Emma Rotem for the out. Soon after, Tiddlywink Ferrazares whacked the ball to the shortstop. Emma Carlbom followed with a single of her own. Then came strong hits by Sarah Herman, Tick, and Jacobs-Pontecorvo.

After the All-Stars retired the Tiddlywinks, they had their turn. Walker hit the ball over the pitcher to second. Peyton followed with a single to third. Next, Hall smacked the ball again, this time past the shortstop. The game ended with Tick picking up balls hit back to the pitcher on successive plays and tagging the plate each time.

The girls' progress so far this season is remarkable. Both offensively and defensively, their skills have improved dramatically. These girls have worked very hard, and it shows.

Middle Division

**Strategic Economics Panthers 13 Debbie Raynor Events Catering Shooting Stars 4**

Good Panther pitching and defense shut down the Shooting Stars in the first with the exception of Fiona Foster's clutch single. The Stars came out fighting in the second, scoring four runs with a spree of singles by Jessica Newell, Anna Raynor, Lucy Sherman, Phoebe White, Katie Wishnoff, and Teresa Baranowski.

However, the Stars couldn't keep up with the Panthers who, inspired by complex cheers initiated by Emily Fong, bounded ahead with one run in the first, seven in the second and five in the third. Panther pitchers Pamela Tatz and Molly ("Lefty") Antalocy set down the Stars neatly in

the first and third innings, backed by fine fielding plays by Tatz, Mary Katherine Morrison and Ariel Feingold-Shaw.

Singles by Morrison and Leah Belzer-Adams accounted for the first inning run. The rest of the Panther attack was highlighted by line drive hits by Antalocy (two hits), Kaitlyn Giblin (two hits, including a double to center field), Janicia Prater, Camila Padilla (a double to left) and Morrison.

Kudos to fine defensive work by Shooting Stars Baranowski who snagged a pop fly to rob the Panthers of two runs in the first, and pitcher Newell, who was instrumental in getting two of three outs in the third by striking out one Panther and catching a pop fly.

**Vivian Lopez Mighty Molars 12 Black, Brown, Lanier & Jackson Justice 7**

Powerful hitting and excellent defense were on display at chilly La Loma field last Wednesday night when the Mighty Molars and the Justice met for the second time this season.

The Justice jumped to an early lead after singles by Nina Gordon-Kirsch, Jenna Nation, and Lisa Richardson. The Justice was held to two runs, however, when Molar Lauren Halperin made the third out on an unassisted play at first.

Perhaps buoyed by Halperin's fine

defensive play, the Molars roared back with one of their best offensive innings of the season.

Sarah Ball started the Molars off with a powerful double to center. Singles by Mary Pinto, Nicole Presser, Miranda Carson, Zoe Canin, Elizabeth Day, and Mariko Conner resulted in five Molar runs.

The game was up for grabs in the middle innings. Singles by Kayla Sims and Seraphina Cobeen added another run for the Justice, but two strikeouts and a sharp throw from Amanda Wilmsen at second to Halperin at first ended the threat.

The Molars came to bat ready for action and again, Ball got the rally going with an impressive double. Pinto followed with another double to center, and Carson came through with her second single of the game.

The Justice were unable to score in the third inning due to brilliant pitching of Leah Framow-Wong and a nifty catch of a tricky pop-up at third base by Canin. The Molars then added one more run after Conner hustled down the line for a single, stole two bases, and was knocked in by Wilmsen.

The Molar defense was put to the test in the dramatic fourth inning. Irene Frammond singled to begin the Justice comeback. The determined Justice hitters racked up four runs before Canin saved the Molars with another fine catch at third.

The Molars ensured the victory by responding with four runs in the bottom of the inning. Presser had a two-run hit after Ball and Pinto singled; then Canin, Day, and Framow-Wong singled to add the last two Molar runs.

Older Division

**Graphic Traffic Orange Crush 10 Zip Realty 9**

A successful squeeze play in the fifth inning allowed Graphic Traffic Orange Crush to edge Zip Realty 10-9 in their third meeting this season.

At the top of the inning, Crush pitcher Julia Greenwood got off to a promising start by striking out Zip's leadoff batter. But Zip took an early lead after Eva Mortimer-Maibeth scored on Lydia Raya's double. Raya scored another run for Zip following hits by Rebecca Williams and Cindy Ballentine.

In the bottom of the inning, Crush leadoff batter Lexie Cousins walked, advanced to second, then stole third and home to put the Crush on the scoreboard. Good defense by Zip fielders prevented further scoring in the inning.

Pitchers for both teams struggled in the second inning. Zip batters hammered Crush pitcher Vanessa Pratt with a string of six hits, for a total of five runs. However the Crush came back in the bottom of the inning with six runs as Zip pitcher Syd-

ney Melver gave up a run. Runners Estie Sarvasy, and Andrea Woodard kept the Zip infield with aggressive running, including two home runs.

In the third inning, the teams were retired in order following up to short, and two strikeouts. Crush pitcher Olivia Beck-

Williams pitched for Zip in the bottom of the inning and gathered three strikeouts before batter Greenwood struck out bunted and allowed Melanowski to score in the Crush "squeeze play," putting the Crush ahead for the first time.

However, the Crush couldn't last long, as Zip put together more runs to pull ahead. Zip was not able to score as it notched another two strikes in the bottom of the fourth.

Pratt struck out one batter. Crush fielders put out two more Zip batters scoreless in the fifth.

Although Williams struck leadoff batter in bottom of the fifth, the next two Crush batters walked. With Lozenski on base, the next two Crush batters, Sarvasy on second representing tying and winning runs, bunted, setting off a brilliant play which allowed both teams to score and bringing an exciting, well-played game.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Major League Baseball, A's to salute kids

Major League Baseball and the Oakland Athletics will honor young fans and their families at the inaugural Major League Baseball Kids Day when the A's meet the Giants at the Network Associates Coliseum on Sunday, June 4. The A's will give kids the opportunity to run the show by participating in a variety of activities, including singing the national anthem, throwing out the ceremonial first pitch, assisting the grounds crew, introducing players over the public address system, and running around the bases following the 1:05 p.m. game. Everyone under 14 will have the opportunity to run the bases. Kids will be chosen to participate in other activities through the Athletics Kids Club. To enter, log on to [www.oaklandathletics.com](http://www.oaklandathletics.com) or call 430-8020, ext. 2871.

Coaches needed

Piedmont High School is looking for coaches for its fall sports season. The Highlanders have coaching vacancies in junior varsity girls tennis, junior varsity girls volleyball and varsity boys water polo. Applicants should call athletic director Karyn Shipp at

594-2744.

Swimming

Temescal Swimming Pool will be closed through June 30 for renovations to comply with the American Disabilities Act. Until the pool reopens, lap swim will be offered at deFremery Pool (1269 18th Street).

**Oakland Barracuda Aquatics** is a year-round swim team that invites children 6-18 into the program. Call head coach Greg Kubicki at 451-2832.

**The Orinda Aquatics swim team has moved.** Orinda Aquatics, a United States Swimming-affiliated year-round team, now practices at the new Soda Aquatic Center at Campolindo High School in Moraga. For registration information, call 223-5500.

**Orinda Aquatics is now forming a masters swim team** for adults (19 and older) who want to swim competitively or just for fitness. The team, Lamorinda Masters, will practice at the Soda Aquatics Center at Campolindo High School in Moraga, beginning in June. An informational meeting will be held June 5 at 6 p.m. at the Soda Aquatics Center. For details, call 223-7966.

Summer baseball camps

The 11th annual Piedmont Sum-

mer Day Camp will take place 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Coaches Field in Piedmont, July 24-27. The camp, headed by Dale Daniels, is designed for players 7-12. Players will be grouped according to age and skill, and coached in a low-key environment. Cost is \$195 per player. Instruction will include pitching, hitting, fielding, base-running and sliding, and confidence-building. A radar gun, sliding pad, fly-ball machine, slow-toss machine and a bat-speed machine will be used. The camp will also offer baseball jerseys, hats, tournament games, detailed written evaluations, trophies, refreshments, contest prizes and carpools. To register or for information about other programs, call Daniels at 522-2424 or fax him at 428-9132.

**The Dusty Baker School of Baseball**, about to embark on its 17th season in the Sacramento area, is taking requests for brochures and applications for its summer sessions. Sessions are: July 17-22 for ages 8-12, July 23-28 for 13-18, and specialized advanced pitching and catching July 31-Aug. 4 for 13-18. Call 1-888-600-1495 for a brochure.

Running

The 35th annual Dick Houston Memorial Woodminster Cross Country Trail Race will take place at 9 a.m. at Joaquin Miller Park on Sunday, June 18. The race, sponsored by the Island City Runners, will start in the Pinewood Picnic and continue through Redwood Regional Park. The race will follow a hilly, 9-mile scenic cross country loop on dirt trails. The start will be handicapped according to age and gender. The Woodminster is the second leg of the Bay Area "Triple Crown" of trail races. The Dipsea and Double Dipsea are the other two legs. To register for the Woodminster, call Gareth Fong at 655-8228. Runners may also register the morning of the race from 7:30-9 a.m. Cost is \$12 for pre-registration or

\$15 on race day.

Summer soccer camps

**Gino's Summer Soccer Jam**, run by St. Mary's women's coach Tom Ginochio, is a camp for children 5-16. The camp is staffed by college coaches and players. The week-long camps run from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Ginochio, who is also a men's assistant at St. Mary's and girls head coach at Acalanes High School, runs half-day and full-day camps. Half-day camps are \$125, full-day \$175. There are also specialty camps available for advanced players, goalkeepers and teams. For information or a brochure, call 1-925-937-4466 or send an e-mail to [ginojam@yahoo.com](mailto:ginojam@yahoo.com). Prospective campers and their parents are also invited to check out Soccer Jam's Web site at [www.soccerjam.net](http://www.soccerjam.net).

**Albany Recreation and Community Services** is holding soccer training for players 7-14 and striker clinics for players 10-14 in July and August. Each of the camps is five days long, running 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Drills and instruction are geared to the level, ability and maturity of the players with special attention to every participant. For more information, call Tom Sutton or Teale Matteson at 524-2800. Or contact Albany Recreation and Community Services at 524-9283.

World championship golf coming to Vallejo

**Hiddenbrooke Golf Club of Vallejo** was selected as the site of this year's Samsung World Championship of Women's Golf, International Management Group tournament director Craig Umland announced May 17. Hiddenbrooke is a highly-acclaimed Arnold Palmer Signature Designed Golf Course. The Samsung World Championship of Women's Golf is an LPGA tour event that features 20 of the

world's top female players. The 72-hole tournament carries a \$725,000 purse and will be played Oct. 9-15. The Golf Channel will carry the first three rounds of the tournament. CBS will televise the final round. For tickets and sponsorship information about the tournament, call 1-216-436-3577.

Rowing camp

The award-winning Oakland Strokes rowing team is sponsoring a summer rowing camp for high school students. Sessions will be held on the Oakland Estuary the weeks of June 19, June 26 and July 17. Morning and afternoon sessions are available. For registration and a brochure, please call the Boathouse at 893-6877, ext. 3 before 3 p.m. or after 7 p.m.

Bobby Sox softball seeking teams

The Northern California Bobby Sox Fastpitch Softball Program is looking for girls fastpitch teams (ages 14-18) to play doubleheader games with other Bay Area teams this summer. The program starts June 3 and runs through July 9, with an All Star Tournament to follow. Call Vicki Vrankovich at 339-2935 or check out the Web site at [bobbysoxsoftball.org](http://bobbysoxsoftball.org)

Youth camps

**The Black Sports Hall of Fame** wants to provide scholarships for 200 young people to attend summer youth camps. All donations are tax deductible. Call Arif Khatib at 531-3665 or 716-4931 for details.

Youth basketball

**The Carol Alfano Basketball Camp** for beginning and intermediate players is accepting signups for its summer sessions. The camp is designed

for players 6-13 and emphasizes fun rather than playing. All-day runs 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The first camp runs June 24-27 and July 31-Aug. 3. Cost is \$175 and enrollment is limited. For details, call 430-3284.

**MVP Flight Basketball** will host its 10th annual summer league for teams in grades 4-6. The league begins Sunday, June 4, and concludes the first week of August. Games will be played in Walnut Creek, Lafayette and Oakland. Registration, call 1-925-691-7123 or 925-8370.

**The Triple Threat** five-day individual and team camp will take place at the Sonoma Regional Center, July 10-14. The open to boys entering grades 5-7 through college freshmen. Cost is \$340. Triple Threat is also a three-day junior high, CYO individual camp July 5-7 open to boys entering grades 5-7. Cost is \$210.

For information about contact camp director Gail 36358 LaSalle Drive, N. Or. reach Briggs by phone, fax at 794-0647 or [TTC1991@aol.com](mailto:TTC1991@aol.com).

**The Ten Star Basketball** evaluating applications for and girls ages 7-19. Players selected by invitation-only represent NBA players such as Grant Hill, Tim Duncan, Gugliotta are among those participated in the camp during basketball days. The camp takes place in Riverside. Campships are available for advanced players. For an evaluation call 1-704-372-8619 at a

El Cerrito

FROM PAGE C1

"It was something I wanted to do," he said. "I didn't think I would have this much success."

Onyenegecha won the tightest race of the day at the Meet of Champions held last Saturday at Edwards Stadium. His 10.99 time edged out Khaek Khongsangdao of Eureka (11.00) and Denote Lewis of Livermore (11.01). Onyenegecha's time is the 19th fastest qualifying mark in the state. Albert Hollis of Christian Brothers-Sacramento is the leader at 10.29.

In the 200, Onyenegecha had a little easier time of it, winning in 22.23. Paul Gates of Freedom-Oak-

ley finished second in 22.31. Onyenegecha's time was the 16th best in the state. Hollis is again the leader at 21.06.

Lodree, who has been running hurdles since she was eight years old, won the 100 highs in 14.46, defeating Danielle Stokes of St. Mary's (14.46) and Simone Brooks of Berkeley (14.65), both of whom Lodree knows rather well. Her time was the fifth-fastest qualifying mark in the state. Tamara Guley of Oak Grove is the leader at 13.76.

Lodree finished second in the 300 lows to April Russell of De Anza in the MOC. Lodree's time was 43.98; Russell's was 43.43. Lodree has the 10th fastest qualifying time for the state meet — Lashinda Demus of Wilson-Long Beach leads with 41.20.

ont Davis of Pittsburg, was the culprit and Diggs was reinstated. The Brown-bound Diggs won the 100 highs in 14.32 and finished third in the 300 lows in 39.20.

Diggs has the sixth-best qualifying time in the 110 highs with his 14.32. Christopher Morgan of Taft-Los Angeles leads with 14.07 and Diggs, with a little luck and a little speed, could sneak into the top three.

He is ranked 16th in the 300 lows. The leader there is Trevor Jones of Newport Harbor in 36.89.

Berkeley

FROM PAGE C1

It turned out the event official had disqualified a runner wearing an all-black uniform for dragging his trail leg around a hurdle rather than over it. The official identified the runner as Diggs, but the only problem was that Diggs was decked out in the all red of Berkeley. It wasn't him.

After some discussion it was decided that the "man in black," Lam-

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ATHLETES OF THE MONTH



Tim Onweller  
Albany  
Baseball

The senior pitcher has been a dynamo for the Cougars this season. Onweller tossed a one-hitter against El Cerrito in the Willie Stargell Easter Classic at Encinal High School. Before that, he tossed a complete game in an Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League win against Alameda High. Onweller also tossed four-plus innings in a 19-2 drubbing of St. Joseph-Notre Dame. Onweller showed off his batting prowess in that game, too, as he went 2-for-4 and scored three runs.

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Aisha Margain  
Berkeley High  
Track

The Yellowjackets have arguably the top sprinter in the area in Margain. At the beginning of May, Margain had the best times of area athletes (those belonging to the East Bay, Alameda Contra Costa, Tri-Valley and Bay Valley athletic leagues) in three events: the 100 meters (11.78 seconds), and 400 (54.82).

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# Arts

## Berkeley writer Waldman finds inspiration in motherhood

By Lynn Carey  
STAFF WRITER

It's Ayelet Waldman's first time being interviewed by a reporter in her new career as an author. But the Harvard Law School grad, who went on to be a public defender, is certainly not nervous.

Over breakfast at a Berkeley cafe, one gets the sense very little would make Waldman nervous. Gregarious, wry and funny — her first name is pronounced "eye-YELL-it" — Waldman discusses how it happened that she left the law and turned to writing the Mommy Track Mysteries. Her first book, "Nursery Crimes," is out any day now and her second — "The Big Nap" — is with the publisher.

"I was very good as a public defender, I was considered a real comer," she says, explaining that after her daughter and son were born, she began to mother her clients too much. So, she quit.

"And there I was, stuck in the Mommy world. I was crabby. There were all these other moms who were into going to the park and doing Play-Doh projects and shellacking things. And I was just sort of reading the New York Times and throwing toys at the kids. I felt like a failure."

Waldman's inspiration came when she was supposed to be working on a law review article. After much procrastination, one day she just started typing how she felt, "which was sort of trapped, not knowing which way to go. And I caught Juliet's voice."

Juliet Applebaum is the heroine of the Mommy Track Mysteries. In "Nursery Crimes," she's the very pregnant mother of a 2-year-old who is feeling at loose ends until she stumbles onto a mystery: Who mur-

dered the preschool headmistress? And boy, is this an idea whose time has come.

Like the author, "Nursery Crimes" protagonist Applebaum has left her high-powered job as a public defender, finds herself at loose ends with her toddler daughter — OK, she's bored to tears and feels useless — and decides to solve a murder mystery when a woman she's just met turns up dead.

Even after Waldman got a three-book deal for the series, she says it took months for her to feel like anything other than a schlub after the births of her son and daughter, who are now 2 and 5. She managed to get most of the writing done during naptime. Eventually, she even figured out a way to type while breast-feeding.

The fact that she's gone from lawyer to writer is not such a stretch. Growing up in New Jersey she read incessantly, and she's still a huge mystery lover, which is one of the reasons she chose that genre.

"And I needed a structure. I needed to have a ready-made plot that would let me write about this person," she says. "But part of the problem with the whole idea of a mystery, is, here's this normal person like you, like me, who's finding dead people. What?"

But normal people don't normally fall in love at first sight, either, as Waldman did with her husband. They met on a blind date eight years ago. It was with a guy who heard she had a, well, excellent chest. "So, like, I'm obsessing which bra to wear because I have to look appropriate. And it was a first date, so I didn't want him to actually see the bra, but I wanted him to see the effect. I

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AYELET WALDMAN is the author of the Mommy Track Mysteries, about a young mother-turned-detective when an acquaintance gets murdered.

## HOT SHEET!

■ Mills College in Oakland presents "The Hundred Languages of Children," an exhibit of children's work from the town of Reggio Emilia, Italy, documenting the children's learning in one of the top 10 innovative education centers in the world. Photos, sculptures, writing, drawing, mixed media and video. Through October. Call 510-430-3105.

■ UC Berkeley Museum of Paleontology presents "Tyrannosaurus Rex" and "Pteranodon," an ongoing California Fossils Exhibit. Free. Call 510-642-1821.

## EVENTS



**ACCLAIMED VOCAL group**  
Ensemble Clement Janequin will perform during the sixth biennial Berkeley Festival & Exhibition, which begins Sunday, June 4. The group will perform at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, and 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, at First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. Tickets \$26. Call 510-642-9988.

**Temescal Regional Recreation Area** — "Outdoor Personal Safety/Martial Arts," June 3 through June 24. Develop self-discipline, focus and control while learning the art of leverage and how to overcome a large opponent using less strength and energy. For age 16 and older. \$54 to \$60. Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Junction of state Highways 24 and 13, Oakland. (510) 636-1684.

**Tilden Regional Park** — "New Moon Hike," June 2, 7:30 p.m. Hike to listen for evening sounds and look at stars.

"Photography on the Farm," June 3, 10:30 a.m. Learn the fundamentals of photography through discussion and practical application. For age 12 and older.

"Wildflowers, June 3, 2 p.m. Hike up a steep hill to see the last of the wildflowers. Bring water. Meet at Big Springs Canyon along South Park Drive.

"Bat Watch," June 3, 7:30 p.m. Learn about the mysterious mammals of the night skies.

"Work in the Butterfly Garden," June 4, 9 a.m. Lend a hand in the butterfly garden with weeding, watering, and whatever else needs to be done.

"Butterfly Hike," June 4, 1:30 p.m. Learn to identify the butterflies that live with us as we hike to glimpse them.

"Tilden Mini-Rangers," June 6, 3:30 p.m. An active afternoon of nature study, conservation, and rambling through the hills, woods, and water. For age 8 to 12.

"Bugs 'R' Us: Insects and Others," June 10, 2 p.m. Catch, observe and release insects.

"Ponds are Places for Plankton and People," June 11, 2 p.m. Catch and see small creatures.

**BOTANIC GARDEN** — "Spores and Fronds: Ferns of California," June 10, 10 a.m. Ancient plants alive today.

Guided docent tours of the gardens. Call ahead for times and to confirm tour is on for the day: most Saturdays and Sundays, 2 p.m. Free. (510) 841-8732.

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**UC Berkeley Botanical Garden** — ongoing. The gardens have displays of exotic and native plants.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** — "Family Art and Nature Lore," through June 25. Children and their families can explore the sections of the Botanical Garden that represent a different continent or foreign country, find out what's special about the plants that grow there and then draw what they see with the help of a pro-

## Forget love stories: 'Closer' is a brutal, profane romp in the hay

By Pat Craig  
STAFF WRITER

Brutally profane and candidly sexual almost to the point of discomfort, Berkeley Rep's production of Patrick Marber's "Closer," offers a disturbing, yet fascinating, look at the romantic battlefield of the late 20th century.

And, seen through Marber's eyes, it is a battlefield. In a very real sense, love has become war, and a raging power struggle with apparently no goal other than domination and perhaps a bit of anesthetic for a cruel and lonely world. There is little tenderness in Marber's tale of love, a point most will find disturbing, as the story explores the less noble, but quite real, dark side of relationships.

The Berkeley production is astoundingly well acted, and although sometimes extremely uncomfortable

### REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Closer" by Patrick Marber

■ **WHERE:** Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley

■ **WHEN:** Tuesdays-Sundays through July 9

■ **COST:** \$38-\$42.50

to watch, it is a play that is not only smartly produced, but an eloquent document to modern times.

In one sense, it has the feel of Harold Pinter paying homage to Edward Albee, or, perhaps someone else trying to mate the two of them with dialog that is a carnival of meaningfully tense carnality, seething

in the unspoken spaces between the lines.

And, if nothing else, "Closer" is a carnal play. In this world, there are no long walks along the beach, chilly evenings in front of the fireplace and sunsets with wine on mountain tops. Here, it's a swirl of scotch from the bottle, a roll in the hay and the lacerating pain of what happens when what passes for love suddenly disappears, or mutates into a cruel parody of affection.

"Closer" is a random sort of play about four strangers whose lives tumble together quite accidentally.

Dan (Andrew Borba), who writes obituaries for a newspaper, meets Alice (Maggie Gyllenhaal), a stripper, when she is hit by a car. He helps get her to the hospital, where they meet Larry (Thomas Schall), a dermatologist. Later, when Dan and Alice

have been living together for awhile, they meet Anna (Natacha Roi), a photographer who is assigned to take the portrait for Dan's book.

He does nothing at the time, since he is newly and wildly involved with Alice, but later, while doing some gender bending in an Internet chat room (perhaps the first time the Internet has been featured in a play), Dan pretends to be Anna, and arranges for her to meet Larry.

Once the meeting is engineered, Larry and Anna hit it off quite nicely, and eventually are married. The tale then moves through a series of couplings and uncouplings involving the four "Closer" characters, each getting more raggedly emotional and cutting closer (hmm, that's the title, too) to the bone.

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## It's 'Noon': Come and get it!

Jackie Chan's latest fits right into his repertoire of fun, action-filled flicks

By Vera H-C Chan  
STAFF WRITER

I was so afraid.

I sat cowering in front of the screen, dreading what would come. After all, I have watched Jackie Chan on screen for more than 20 years, and I have regarded with dismay his Hollywood assimilation process, from the poor marketing of his better rereleases to - opening weekend records aside - his second-fiddle position in "Rush Hour."

"Shanghai Noon" looked as though it might be another chop-suey salad toss: a freshman director fresh from L'Oréal commercials; a relatively unknown co-star, Lucy Liu, as the plug-in Chinese female; and more East-West clichés than a fortune cookie factory working overtime.

And yet "Shanghai Noon" man-

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ALL GUSSIED UP in period garb, Jackie Chan takes on bad guys as an Imperial guard exported to the Old West.

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## FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

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Showtimes for Friday, June 2

## Alameda County

## Act 1 &amp; II

Center St. Off-Shuttuck, Berkeley 843-FILM  
● The Big Kahuna (R) 7:10, 9:30  
● East is East (R) 7:00, 9:15

## Albany Twin

Shattuck at San Pablo Ave., Albany 843-FILM  
● The Color of Paradise (PG) 7:15, 9:30  
● Up at the Villa (PG-13) 7:00, 9:25

## California Theatres

On Kinbridge at Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FILM  
● Mission: Impossible 2 (PG-13) 1:00, 1:45, 3:45, 4:30, 6:30, 7:15, 9:15, 10:00  
● The Virgin Soldiers (R) 12:40, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

## Century 25 Union City Union Landing★

27100 Union Landing Road, Union City 487-9593  
● Big Momma's House (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 11:50 a.m., 12:20, 12:55, 1:35, 2:15, 2:40, 3:10, 3:55, 4:35, 5:00, 5:25, 6:15, 6:55, 7:30, 8:15, 8:55, 9:15, 9:40, 10:10

● Center Stage (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 8:35, 9:25  
● Dinosaur (PG) 11:20 a.m., 11:50 a.m., 12:25, 12:55, 1:20, 1:50, 2:25, 2:55, 3:30, 3:50, 4:25, 4:55, 5:20, 5:50, 6:25, 7:00, 7:20, 7:50, 8:20, 9:00, 9:50

● Frequency (PG-13) 1:05, 4:05, 6:45, 10:05  
● Gladiator (R) 11:30 a.m., 1:00, 1:45, 2:45, 4:10, 5:00, 6:00, 7:30, 8:15, 9:15, 10:45

● Mission: Impossible 2 (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 12:15, 12:50, 1:25, 2:00, 2:30, 3:05, 3:40, 4:15, 4:50, 5:20, 5:55, 6:30, 7:05, 7:40, 8:10, 8:45, 9:20, 9:55, 10:30

● Road Trip (R) 12:05, 12:45, 2:15, 3:10, 4:40, 5:30, 7:10, 7:45, 9:35, 10:20  
● Shanghai Noon (PG-13) 11:25 a.m., 12:25, 1:15, 1:55, 2:00, 3:55, 4:35, 5:35, 6:55, 7:15, 8:20, 9:45, 10:15

● Small Time Crooks (PG) 11:45 a.m., 2:35, 5:10, 8:05, 10:35  
● U-571 (PG-13) 12:35, 3:25, 6:20, 9:40

## Chabot Cinema

2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555  
● Mission: Impossible 2 (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

## Elmwood

2965 College Avenue, Berkeley 649-0530  
● 8 1/2 Women (R) 4:40, 7:00, 9:20  
● American Psycho (R) 5:00

● Magnolia (R) 8:00  
● Titus (R) 8:35  
● Topsy Turvy (R) 5:45

## Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley★

2451 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 848-1143  
● Latcho Drom (NR) 7:30  
● The Small Town (NR) 9:30

## Grand Lake Theater

3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 452-3556  
● Big Momma's House (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:20, 9:30, 10:30

● Gladiator (R) 3:00, 3:15, 8:30, 9:40  
● Road Trip (R) 11:40 a.m., 1:40, 3:45, 6:10, 8:10, 10:10, 10:25

## Jack London Cinema★

100 Washington St., Oakland 433-1230  
● Big Momma's House (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., noon, 1:50, 2:30, 4:30, 5:10, 7:10, 7:50, 9:50, 10:30

● Dinosaur (PG) 11:00 a.m., 1:05, 3:15, 5:25, 7:35, 9:40  
● Gladiator (R) 12:15, 2:30, 7:05, 10:35  
● Mission: Impossible 2 (PG-13) 10:15 a.m., 10:25 a.m., 11:05 a.m., 1:00, 1:20, 1:55, 4:00, 4:20, 4:50, 7:00, 7:20, 7:45, 10:00, 10:20, 10:40

● Road Trip (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45  
● Shanghai Noon (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:25

## Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward

18001 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-8000  
● Battlefield Earth (PG-13) 12:05, 2:40, 5:25, 7:55, 10:25  
● Center Stage (PG-13) 7:05, 9:40

● The Finestones in Viva Rock Vegas (PG) noon, 2:10, 4:35  
● Hold Up (PG-13) 12:20, 2:45, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10

● Mission: Impossible 2 (PG-13) 10:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:45, 10:15

● Road Trip (R) 12:15, 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:35  
● Shanghai Noon (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 2:00, 2:30, 4:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30

## NAZ 8

39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 797-2000  
● Chal Mere Bhai (NR) 5:00, 9:00  
● Dulhan Hum Le Jayenge (NR) 5:00

● Hera Pheri (NR) 5:00, 9:00  
● Hum to Mohabbat Karega (NR) 5:00, 9:00, 7:11  
● Kaho Naa Pyaar Hai (NR) 5:00, 9:00

● Kya Kahna (NR) 5:00, 9:00, 7:11

## Oaks Theater★

1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 526-1836  
● Center Stage (PG-13) 7:00

● Keeping the Faith (PG-13) 9:20  
● Small Time Crooks (PG) 6:00, 8:15, 10:10

## Piedmont Theatre

Piedmont at 41st, Oakland 843-FILM  
● East is East (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00

● High Fidelity (R) 1:45, 4:20, 6:50, 9:25  
● Mission: Impossible 2 (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:00, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15, 9:40

● The Virgin Soldiers (R) 9:15

## Shattuck Cinemas

On Shattuck at Kinbridge, Berkeley 843-FILM  
● Dinosaur (PG) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

● Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai (R) 4:10, 9:40  
● Gladiator (R) 1:15, 2:30, 4:30, 5:45, 8:05, 9:15

● High Fidelity (R) 1:45, 4:25, 7:20, 9:50  
● Passion of Mind (PG-13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:35, 9:55

● Running Free (G) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10  
● Shanghai Noon (PG-13) 12:05, 12:35, 2:30, 2:55, 4:55, 5:20, 7:20, 7:45, 9:45, 10:05

● U-571 (PG-13) 1:20, 6:50  
● Winter Sleepers (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7:05, 9:50

## Silver Super Saver Cinemas Fremont 7★

39160 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Gateway Plaza Shopping Ctr., Fremont 505-9292

● American Beauty (R) 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:10  
● Erin Brockovich (R) 1:25, 4:00, 6:40, 9:25

● Pitch Black (R) 7:30, 9:45  
● The Road to El Dorado (PG) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

● Romeo Must Die (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30  
● The Skulls (PG-13) 1:20, 5:40, 9:50

● The Tigger Movie (G) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:15  
● Toy Story 2 (G) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30

● Whatever It Takes (PG-13) 4:40, 7:50

## UA Berkeley 7★

2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 843-1487  
● Big Momma's House (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30

● Crocodile (NR) 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:40  
● Erin Brockovich (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10

● Frequency (PG) noon, 2:30, 5:15, 7:50, 10:20  
● Love and Basketball (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50

● Road Trip (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:40, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00

## UA Emerybay 10★

6330 Christie Ave., Emerybay 420-0107

● Big Momma's House (PG-13) 10:50 a.m., 11:50 a.m., 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:40, midnight

● Dinosaur (PG) 10:40 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:45, 1:45, 9:00

4:00, 5:15, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30  
● Gladiator (R) noon, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30

● Mission: Impossible 2 (PG-13) 10:45 a.m., 12:15, 1:45, 3:45, 4:45, 6:45, 7:45, 9:45, 10:45, 12:15 a.m.

● Road Trip (R) 10:40 a.m., 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00, 12:15 a.m.

● Shanghai Noon (PG-13) 10:45 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00, 12:20 a.m.

● Small Time Crooks (PG) 11:00 a.m., 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15

## UA Hayward 6★

24900 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 786-3000

● Big Momma's House (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., noon, 1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30

● Dinosaur (PG) 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30

● Gladiator (R) noon, 3:30, 7:15, 10:30

● Small Time Crooks (PG) 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30

## UC Theatre★

University Avenue between Milva Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FILM

● Better Living Through Circuitry (NR) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

## Central Contra Costa

Festival Walnut Creek  
1450 N. California Blvd., Walnut Creek 934-8649

● Mission: Impossible 2 (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:40, 2:10, 4:20, 4:50, 7:00, 7:30, 9:45, 10:15

● Road Trip (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:25, 5:00, 7:40, 9:50

● Shanghai Noon (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10

## Orinda Theater★

4 Orinda Theater Square, Orinda 254-9060

● Dinosaur (PG) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00

● Gladiator (R) 6:30, 9:45

● Up at the Villa (PG-13) 7:00, 9:30

## Park Theater

3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 283-7997

● The Big Kahuna (R) 7:00, 9:15

## Rheem All-Stadium 4★

350 Park Street, Menlo Park 968-3411

● Big Momma's House (PG-13) 4:50, 7:25, 9:50

● Mission: Impossible 2 (PG-13) 4:25, 7:05, 9:45

● Shanghai Noon (PG-13) 4:45, 7:20, 9:35

● Small Time Crooks (PG) 5:15, 7:35, 9:25

## West Contra Costa

Century 10 Pinole  
1400 Appian Way, Pinole 222-8030

● Big Momma's House (PG-13) 11:25 a.m., 12:20, 1:50, 2:50, 4:15, 5:15, 7:05, 7:55, 9:35, 10:15

● Dinosaur (PG) noon, 2:00, 4:00, 5:30, 8:30, 10:30, 11:15 a.m., 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:45, 9:50

● Gladiator (R) 12:30, 3:40, 10:10, 10:10

● Mission: Impossible 2 (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., noon, 1:00, 2:00, 2:45, 3:50, 4:50, 5:35, 6:40, 7:40, 8:25, 9:30, 10:30

● Gladiator (R) noon, 12:45, 2:40, 3:25, 4:25, 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 9:45, 10:25, 11:20, 12:35 a.m.

● Mission: Impossible 2 (PG-13) 1:40, 5:00, 7:35, 10:20

● High Fidelity (R) 12:15, 12:15, 1:00, 1:55, 3:30, 4:15, 4:55, 6:45, 7:25, 8:05, 9:35, 10:30, 11:15, 12:45 a.m.

● Road Trip (R) 1:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15, 12:30 a.m.

● Shanghai Noon (PG-13) 1:10, 2:20, 4:00, 4:50, 7:05, 8:00, 10:05, 10:20 a.m.

● Small Time Crooks (PG) 1:30, 4:35, 7:20, 9:40

## AMC Kabuki 8★

1881 Post St., San Francisco 415/622-444C

● Big Momma's House (PG-13) 1:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:55, 10:35, 12:45, 8:10, 10:35

● Center Stage (PG-13) 3:20

● Frequency (PG-13) 1:50, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40

● Road Trip (R) 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:55, 10:10

● Running Free (G) 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:20, 9:45

● Shanghai Noon (PG-13) 1:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30

● Small Time Crooks (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

● U-571 (PG-13) 1:00, 5:50, 8:15, 10:45

## Bridge★

3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 415/352-0810

● The Big Kahuna (R) 2:00, 5:00, 7:15, 9:35

## Castro Theatre★

Castro and Market Streets, San Francisco 415/621-6120

● Grass (R) 7:00, 9:10

## Clay

2261 Fillmore St., San Francisco 415/352-0810

● East-West (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

## Embarcadero★

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415/352-0810

● Bossa Nova (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:20

● The Color of Paradise (PG) 12:30, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20, 9:30

● East is East (R) noon, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

● Hamlet (2000) (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45

● Passion of Mind (PG-13) 12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00

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1572 California St., San Francisco 415/352-0810

● Ghost Dad (PG) 12:20, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30

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## Opera Plaza Cinemas

501 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415/352-0810

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1727 Haight St., San Francisco 415/688-3994

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3117 16th St., San Francisco 415/863-1087

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101 4th Street, San Francisco 415/688-6230







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bears mentally as well as physically, forcing them to forage for food much as they would do in the wild. The naturalistic habitat is over an acre in size and includes mulch pits for exploration, climbing structures, nesting structures, a large pond and rooting machines.

The Siamang Island Exhibit, ongoing. The island is a state-of-the-art, barrier-free exhibit that emulates the gibbons' native tropical rain forest habitat.

**SPECIAL EVENT —**  
**June 11, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** This festival of African-American culture honors the achievements of African-Americans with music, dance, literature and art. The day includes performances by the Harambee Dance Ensemble and the Laney College African Haitian Dancers, African history with Goldie the Poet 24K, and storyteller Makabe Awale.

\$6.50 general; \$3.50 seniors and children ages 2 to 14; free children under age 2; \$3 parking fee. Daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Knowland Park, 9777 Golf Links Road exit off Interstate Highway 580, Oakland. (510) 632-9525 or www.oaklandzoo.org

**Redwood Regional Park —**  
**"Llama Day Trip,"** June 3 and June 4, 10 a.m. Experienced llama packers guide this 4- to 6-mile hike. Lead a llama for part of the trip and learn handling, caring for and packing llamas. Registration required. For age 8 and older.  
 \$35 to \$39. 7861 Redwood Road, Oakland. (510) 636-1684.

**REI Berkeley —** through July 9.  
 A series of lectures on hikes and outdoors equipment.  
**"Hands-on Bicycle Repair Clinics,"** June 4, June 18 and July 9, 11 a.m. A clinic on how to perform basic repairs on bicycles. Bring your own bike.

**"Backpacking Essentials,"** June 6, 7 p.m. Martin Dickinson reviews the fundamental how-tos of selecting gear for a weekend backpacking trip.

**"MAS 2000 Climbing School,"** June 7 and June 10. Mountain Adventure Seminars offers an introductory rock climbing school with instruction on equipment, fundamental climbing techniques, basic anchoring and safety procedures. Registration required. Wednesday, 6 p.m. in-store; Saturday, 8 a.m. outdoors. \$110 general. (209) 753-6556.

**"Beyond Climbing: An Evening with Paul Pritchard,"** June 8, 7 p.m. A slide presentation with Pritchard sharing highlights from his latest adventure.

**"Blissers No More: Finding the Proper Boot Fit,"** June 14, 7 p.m. A lecture by footwear expert Brad Bostrom shows how to make your feet more comfortable out on the trail.

**"Great Day-Hikes in California's National Parks,"** June 15, 7 p.m. Author Ann Marie Brown gives a slide presentation showing the range of spectacular trails.

**"Exploring the Trinity Alps,"** June 29, 7 p.m. A slide lecture by Stew Winchester of Diablo Valley College introducing the wilderness area 200 miles north of San Francisco.

Free unless otherwise noted. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 527-4140.

**Dunsmuir House And Gardens Historic Estate —** Nestled in the Oakland hills, the 40-acre Dunsmuir House and Gardens estate includes the 37-room Neoclassical Revival Dunsmuir Mansion, built by coal and lumber baron Alexander Dunsmuir for his bride. The mansion is surrounded by restored outbuildings set amid landscaped gardens.

**DOCENT-LED MANSION TOUR —** through September: Wednesday, 11 a.m. and noon. Learn the stories of the families that built and lived in the mansion over the last century.

**FAMILY SUNDAYS —** through September: First Sunday of the month, noon to 3 p.m. Programs include a Self-Guided Tree Treasure Hunt, Docent-led Mansion Tour, entertainment, and family activities.

June 4, noon to 3 p.m.: Dick the Magician, Dick Queirolo has been performing his unique style of magic and comedy in the Bay area for 30 years and has been voted the best all-around entertainer by newspaper polls.

**GROUNDS —** through October.

The gardens and grounds of the mansion are open to the public. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free.

**Dunsmuir House and Gardens Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. (925) 275-9490 or (510) 615-5555 or www.dunsmuir.org**

**Chabot Observatory And Science Center Planetarium —** COSC is an innovative teaching and learning center focusing on astronomy and the inter-relationships of all the sciences. Its observatory, planetarium, exhibits, and natural park setting are a place where students, teachers, and the public can imagine, understand, and learn to shape their future through science.

\$5 general; \$4.50 seniors; \$3.50 children age 6 to 17; free children under age 6. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. 4917 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. (510) 530-3480, ext. 36 or www.cosc.org

**A.C.C.I. Gallery —**  
**"Abstract Expressions,"** through July 1. A group show featuring Rita Flanagan, Carolyn Careis, Heather Hutchinson, Muriel Paley, and Naomi Policoff.

Free. Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 843-2527.

**Berkeley Public Library, South Branch —**  
**"You're Blase: The Art of Nick Mastick,"** through June 15. An exhibit of collages.

Free. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1901 Russell St., Berkeley. (510) 644-6860.

**Chi Gallery —**  
**CLOSING —** "Courage and Faith," closing June 11. An exhibit of paintings by Titus Kapkar, Jeanette Madden, and Corinne Innis.

Free. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. 912-A Clay St., Oakland. (510) 832-4244.

**Communications Technology Cluster —**  
**"Figuration 1991-2000,"** through July 28. An exhibit of paintings and drawings by Claudia Chapline.

Free. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 2201 Broadway, Second Floor, Oakland. (510) 836-8986 or (415) 868-2308.

**Creative Growth Art Center Gallery —**  
**GALLERY I —**  
**"Spring Fever,"** through June 16. An exhibit of drawings, paintings, prints, and sculpture.

**GALLERY II —**  
**"10 Printmakers' 10 Perspectives,"** through June 16. An exhibit of the debut of the year 2000 Limited Edition Print Portfolio.

Free. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 355 24th St., Oakland. (510) 836-2340.

**Graduate Theological Union —**  
**"On Common Ground,"** through June 23. This exhibit is a portrait of faith-based communities in Los Angeles.

**"Finding the Sacred Mountain,"** through June 20. An exhibit of sumi-e and watercolors by Robert Kostka.

Free. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Rd., Berkeley. (510) 649-2540 or (510) 649-2422.

**New Pieces Gallery —**  
**OPENING —** "Progressions: the Quilt as Art," June 3 through June 29. An exhibit of quilts by Jill Le Croisette.

**OPENING —** "Go We to the Revels Masked," June 3 through July 29. An exhibit of dolls by Elise Peeples.

Free. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. (510) 527-6779.

**Oakland Public Library —**  
**"The Rise and Fall of the East Bay Canning Industry,"** through June 30. An exhibit of photographs and artifacts.

Free. Monday, Tuesday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, noon to 8 p.m.; Friday, noon to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. History Room, Main Library, 125 14th St., Oakland. (510) 238-3222.

**Elizabeth Oliveria Gallery —**  
**Thomas Akawie, through June 17.** An exhibit of abstract paintings that combine ideas including photography and pure painting which work together to create surrealist landscapes.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. 942 Clay St., Oakland. (510) 625-1350.

**Royal Ground Gallery —**  
**"Serendipity,"** through June 25. An exhibit of paintings, collage, pastels, photography and sculpture by various artists. Free. Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. (510) 339-0348.

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**Trayfield Gallery —**  
**"nudge,"** through June 18. An exhibit of new work by Terry Hoff.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1316 10th St., Berkeley. (510) 527-1214.

**La Pena's 25th Anniversary Street Fiesta —** June 10, noon to 6 p.m. Featuring performances by Ras Mo, La Pena Community Chorus with Lichi Fuentes, Jacqueline Rago, Viento, Araucaria, Raquel Lopez Flamenco Dance Ensemble, Boots, Son Ire, and Dulce Mambo.

Free. Shattuck Avenue and Prince Street, Berkeley. (510) 849-2568.

**The 30th Annual Live Oak Park Fair —** June 10 and June 11, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Featuring original crafts and art, diverse foods, and entertainment by Zappo the magician, the Fat Chance Belly Dancers, circus juggler Jean-Paul Valjean, and more.

Free. Live Oak Park, Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley. (510) 986-9337.

**"Celebrate The 20th Century" —** June 11, noon to 5 p.m. Interact with the performers, play instruments, and dance and move to the music of African Roots of Jazz, Melody of China, and Los Cenizotes.

Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, Coolidge Avenue and Hyde Street, Oakland. (510) 525-0712.

**Lawrence Hall Of Science —**  
**"Experiment Gallery,"** through Sept. 10. Step inside a giant laboratory and experiment with concepts surrounding sound, light, mechanics, electricity, and weather.

**CLOSING —** "Dinosaurs 2000," closing June 4. An exhibit featuring 16 lifelike robotic creatures, fossils, activities to compare yourself to a dinosaur, and daily live demonstrations.

**"Math Rules!"** ongoing exhibit. A math exhibit of hands-on problem-solving stations, each with a different mathematical challenge. Make mathematical ice-cream cones, use blocks to build three dimensional structures, make dodecagon pies from a variety of mathematical shapes and stretch mathematical thinking.

**"Within the Human Brain,"** ongoing installation. Visitors test their cranial nerves, play skeeball, master mazes, match musical tones and construct stories inside a simulated "rat cage" of learning experiments.

**"Laser: The Light Fantastic,"** ongoing exhibit. Make a laser light show, work a supermarket-style laser, examine holograms and stop a laser beam barehanded.

**"1492: Two Worlds of Science,"** ongoing exhibit. Explore European and Native American science and technology at the time of Columbus's voyage, through activities with number systems, navigation tools, map making, computer games and a replica of the rocking deck of the Nina.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS —**  
**"The News About Dinosaurs,"** through June 4. Learn more about the "Dinosaurs 2000" exhibit with live demonstrations exploring recent paleontological discoveries and how scientists know what they do about prehistoric creatures. Monday through Friday, 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

**FAMILY WORKSHOPS —** Registration is required and each child

must be accompanied by an adult. (510) 642-5134.

**ONGOING PROGRAMS —** Free after museum admission.

Macintosh Computer Lab, ongoing. A chance for children to explore age-appropriate software and the Internet. For children age 5 and up accompanied by an adult. Saturday and Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Biology Discovery Lab, ongoing. In the renovated Biology Lab visitors may hold and observe gentle animals. Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**HOLT PLANETARIUM —** No knowledge of astronomy is required for these shows. Programs are recommended for ages 8 and up; children under age 6 will not be admitted. \$2 in addition to regular museum admission.

**"Colors from Space,"** through June 30. The planetarium becomes a laboratory for experimenting with all the colors of the rainbow and beyond. Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. and 2:15 p.m.

**"Constellations Tonight,"** ongoing. Using a simple star map, learn to identify the most prominent constellations for the season in the planetarium sky. Saturday and Sunday, 3:30 p.m.

\$6 general; \$4 seniors, students, disabled, and youths ages 7 to 18; \$2 children ages 3 to 6; free children under age 3. Daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Centennial Drive, University of California, Berkeley. (510) 642-5132 or www.lhs.berkeley.edu

**Grand Lake Oakland Certified Farmers Market —** Ongoing. A

chance to buy local organic and baked goods.

Free. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. MacArthur Boulevard and Grand Avenue, Oakland. (415) 436-8800 897-FARM

**Jack London Square Farmers Market —** Ongoing. A chance to buy local organic and baked goods.

Free. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jack London Square, 1000 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 848-4444 or www.jacklondonsquare.com

**Western Aerospace Museum —** The museum features aircraft ranging from World War I to present-day models, as

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**Richmond Museum of History**—Permanent exhibits highlight Richmond's cultural, industrial and architectural legacy. "Places of Faith and Worship"—an exhibit documenting this city's many churches that reflect the city's diverse culture and history. Wednesday through Friday and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 400 New Ave., Richmond. (510) 235-7387

**UC Berkeley Art Museum**—Master of Fine Art Graduate Exhibition, through July 2. The 13th annual exhibit of work by candidates for the Master of Fine Arts degree.

"China: Fifty Years Inside People's Republic," through July 18. The work of twenty-five Chinese and Western photographers explores a century of social and political upheaval in a visual exhibit. The 200 photographs, both black-and-white and color, cover the many, regis, cultures and people that make up China as well as the history of traditional life and the modern one.

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"Hans Hoffmann," open-ended. An exhibit of paintings by Hoffmann which emphasizes two experimental methods: the introduction of the use of large areas of black paint juxtaposed with intense oranges, greens and yellows to simulate the effect of nature at its most unbridled.

"Images and Ideas: The Collection in Focus," open-ended. The museum periodically displays some of its permanent collection in a context meant to highlight some aspect of the objects. The three areas of focus for this exhibit are Renaissance art, 19th and 20th-century American art and paintings from 1940 to the present.

**THE ASIAN GALLERIES**—  
"Tang Figures," through June 18. The exhibit, drawn from the museum's collection as well as private collections, is shown in conjunction with Anne Chu's untitled MATRIX exhibit of Tang figures she sculpted following trips to China. Chu curated the exhibit.

"Drama from Kabuki," through mid-June. Illustrations from some of Japan's most famous theatrical dramas.

"Art of the Sung Court and Monastery," open-ended. A display of early Chinese works from the permanent collection.

"Chinese Ceramics and Bronzes: The First 3,000 Years," open-ended.

"Works on Extended Loan from Warren King," open-ended.

"Three Towers of Han," open-ended.

**TOURS**—  
Docent Tours, ongoing. A guided tour of current exhibits. Thursday, 12:15 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Free with admission.

\$6 general; \$4 seniors and students ages 12 to 18; free children age 12 and under; free Thursday, 11 a.m. to noon and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (510) 642-0808.

**UC Berkeley Museum of Paleontology**—

"Tyrannosaurus Rex," ongoing. A

20-foot tall, 40-foot long replica of the fearsome dinosaur. The replica is made from casts of bones of the most complete T. Rex skeleton yet excavated. When unearthed in Montana, the bones were all lying in place with only a small piece of the tailbone missing.

"Pteranodon," ongoing. A suspended skeleton of a flying reptile with a wingspan of 22 to 23 feet. The Pteranodon lived at the same time as the dinosaurs.

California Fossils Exhibit, ongoing. An exhibit of some of the fossils which have been excavated in California.

Free. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lobby, Valley Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. (510) 642-1821.

**UC Berkeley Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology**—

"Modern Treasures from Ancient Iran," through Oct. 29. This exhibit explores nomadic and town life in ancient and modern Iran as illustrated in bronze and pottery vessels, and textiles.

"Pana O'ahu: Sacred Stones—Sacred Places," through July 16. An exhibit of photographs by Jan Becket and Joseph Singer.

"Approaching a Century of Anthropology: The Phoebe Hearst Museum," open-ended. This new permanent installation will introduce visitors to major topics in the museum's history, including the role of Phoebe Apperson Hearst as the museum's patron, as well as the relationship of anthropologists Alfred Kroeber and Robert Lowie to the museum.

"Ishi and the Invention of Yahi Culture," ongoing. This exhibit documents the culture of the Yahi Indians of California as described and demonstrated from 1911 to 1916 by Ishi, the last surviving member of the tribe.

**GALLERY TALKS**—  
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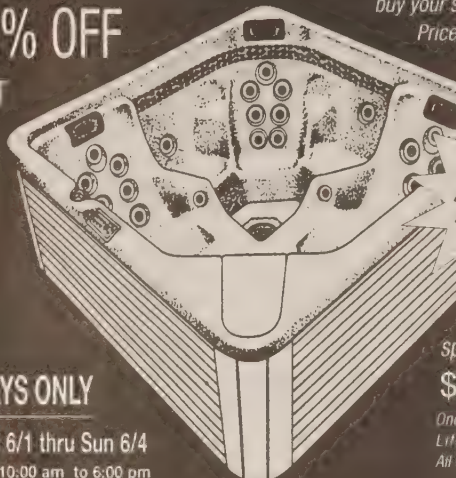
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# Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

## Children

**Kids** and their adult companions can explore the UC Botanical Garden with docent Lois Paul the last Sunday of very month at 1 p.m. The next date is June 25. Call 643-1924 to reserve your place for the talk: \$15 for garden members, \$20 for non-members. Call 642-0849 for additional information.

**Luna Kids Dance (LKD)** offers dance and acting classes for children and teens ages 3-17 in a fun and supportive environment. Locations: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.; El Cerrito, Contra Costa Civic Theater, 951 Pomona Ave.; Oakland, Glenview Performing Arts Center, 1318 Glenfield Ave. and Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd. For more information, call the LKD Central office at 530-4113

**LGBTQ Parent** and Prospective Parent Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-9560 classes.

**The Ann Martin Children's** Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821

**"Theater Rats,"** Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information

## Health

**Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT)** support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

**YWCA Health** and Community Education; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10

## Community

**Resources for Community Development** celebrates its 15th anniversary on Sunday, June 4, 2-5 p.m. at Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave. There will be food, fun and music. All ages are welcome. Tickets can be bought in advance or at the door. For more information, call RCD at 841-4410

**The Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers a "Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons or by appointment. Anne Levine, Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. Price: \$15 for YWCA members, \$20 for non-members. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

**Marion Rosen**, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experiential practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way. Admission: \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 845-6606

**Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-8736.

**Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive** offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808

**Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Mann avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

**Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

**Civil Rights** activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA., 94701

**"Work Buddies";** volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292

**Psychic Healing clinic;** 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355.

**SMART project;** the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs

**The Edible Schoolyard**, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1395 for information

**English-in-Action** lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716

**Women's Daytime Drop-in Center** in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663

## Exhibits

**Twenty-six artists** from West Contra Costa county are opening their studios to the public during this year's ProArts East Bay Open Studios. Artist studio are open two weekends, June 3 and 4 and June 10 and 11 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Maps are available at the Richmond Art Center, 2540 Barrett Ave., Civic Center DR. Call 620-6772 for additional information

**Painter and printmaker** Marianne Kolb presents her recently completed series of paintings, "Paths in the Shadow-break," on two successive weekends, June 3, 4 and 10 and 11 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The exhibit is a part of the Pro Arts East Bay Open Studios 2000 Kolb's studio is located at 215 Pomona Ave. in El Cerrito. Call 526-0101 for additional information

**UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive**, 2628 Bancroft Way, continues its exhibit of "China: Fifty Years Inside the People's Republic," through June 18. This major exhibition explores half a century of social and political upheaval in China through the eyes of twenty-five important Chinese and Western photographers. Gallery hours: Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11 to 5 p.m.; Thursday 11 to 9 p.m. Admission: General \$6; seniors and students 12-18 years \$4; BAM/PFA members, UC Berkeley students and children under 12 free. For additional information, call 642-0808

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**Diane van der Zanden**, Anne Shulenberg, Ines Kramer and Rogelio Caraballo, four East Bay artists exhibit their work in the van der Zanden Studio, 1025 Carleton St. No. 9, during the Pro Arts Open Studios on June 3, 4, 10 and 11 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 843-9445 for additional information

**Jenny Lee** and Monica Marini, "Two Women Creating," open their 2716 Russell St., studio. Both women are artists dedicated to their craft and currently sharing teaching positions at Park Day School in Oakland. Each has spent the past 20 plus years living and loving the creative process. All work will be for sale. For additional information call 644-9341.

**"Snowmen In Summer"** a solo exhibition by Cerne Lederger takes place at the John F. Kennedy Arts Annex, 2366 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Gallery hours Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information call 649-0499

**Alta Bates Medical Center** presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information. New Pieces Gallery presents

a list of artists for the year 1999. Located on Solano Avenue - New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details 527-6779

## Literary Events

**The Reading Edge** is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Allston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call the Reference Desk at 644-6648 to set up a training session

## Meetings

**Soroptimist International of El Cerrito** will install officer for the next club year on Wednesday, June 7 at 6 p.m. at Mira Vista Golf and Country Club, 7901 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. Guests are welcome. Call Barbara Lanier, president, 527-7070 for additional information

**Soroptimist International of El Cerrito** meet Tuesday, June 6 at noon (business), at Mira Vista Golf and Country Club, 7901 Cutting Blvd. El Cerrito Call president Barbara Lanier at 527-7070 for additional information

**The Telecommunications Task Force** of the City of Berkeley is holding a public workshop, "Bridging the Digital Divide on Wednesday, June 7, from 7:30 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1902 Heart at MLK Jr. Way. Participants include OpNet, WEAP, Berkeley Neighborhood Computers, Bill Lambert, City of Berkeley OED, Ceda Floyd City of Oakland City Clerk and Girl Geeks. For further information, call 526-8685

**The Kensington 55-plus Activity Center**, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington, meet weekly on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kensington Senior Center is sponsored by West Contra Costa Adult School and Arlington Community Church. For additional information, call 526-9146 or Virginia Walker, Teacher-Director, 547-1969

**The YWCA** offers free Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. of Point Career Center, 5 Way. The orientation resources and shops it offers to the public. For information, call 848-8664

**The Berkeley Camera Club** Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m. Northbrae Community Center, Alameda, Berkeley. Photographers are welcome. Call Wade for information, 8664

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**CLUBS**  
**Yiddish** - TOPS meets every Tuesday evening at the First Church, Richmond, on Solano Ave. Call Betty Coates 235-4503 for more information.  
**Yiddish** - Conversation at 10:30 a.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center. Call 644-6107 for additional information.  
**Yiddish** - The Berkeley Toastmasters Club meet on the second and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 843-3765.  
**Yiddish** - Arthritis Support and Education Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month (except December) at 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium. Call 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.  
**Yiddish** - Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters: meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 643-7645.  
**Yiddish** - Toastmasters: noon - 1 p.m. Tuesdays; stand up and say what you mean; practice with the toastmasters; 700 Heinz Ave., Berkeley, 883-6708.  
**Yiddish** - Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight way, Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.  
**Yiddish** - Music  
**Yiddish** - The Prometheus Symphony Orchestra perform on Sunday, June 4, 3 p.m. at Saint Ambrose Church, 1145 Gilman St. Admission is free, donations accepted. For information, call Prometheus at 527-1519.  
**Yiddish** - Contra Costa Chorale sings Bach's St. Matthew Passion on Friday, June 2, 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 770 Sonoma St., in Richmond Heights. The second concert takes place on Sunday, June 4, 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road in Kensington. Suggested donation is \$12.50 for adults, \$10 for students, seniors and the disabled. Children under 16 are free. For more information or directions, call 527-2026.  
**Yiddish** - Soli Deo Gloria perform Handel Coronation Athens on Sunday, Saturday, June

day of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.  
**Yiddish** - Higher Alignment, 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays, fun, informative seminars are being spiritual partnerships. Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, (415) 461-5337, \$20.  
**Yiddish** - Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.  
**Yiddish** - Overeaters Anonymous, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.  
**Yiddish** - TOPS: 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 950 Stannage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.  
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**Berkeley Community Chorus** begins rehearsals on June 5. This summer, Ellen Hoffman leads choristers in singing 20th Century hits which include music of Irving Berlin, Duke Ellington, John Lennon and Paul McCartney. For more information, call 528-2145 or visit [www.bcco.org](http://www.bcco.org)

**The Pacific Mozart Ensemble** performs at the Crowden School in Berkeley, 1475 Rose St. at Sacramento on Saturday, June 10, 5 p.m. For tickets and information, call 415-705-0848

**St. Paul AME Church**, 2024 Ashby Ave. (by Ashby Bart station), presents "An Afternoon of Sacred Song," on Sunday, June 4, 3:30 p.m. The concert features

Pergolesi's Stabat Mater, with Eliza O Malley, soprano, Doralicia Sandoval contralto, and Jonathan Dimmock, organ. For additional information call 845-8433, or 540-6065

**John Khorl**, forte piano and David Barnett, classical clarinet perform on Wednesday, June 7, 3 p.m. at Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana Street. Khorl will perform on his 1815 German Grand Forte-Piano in an all-Schubert program at 7 p.m. Admission is by donation, no own will be turned away for lack of suggested price of \$10 general and \$8 for students, seniors or handicapped. Call

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11855 Hwy 1 in Rich-  
mond, CA 94804 is hereby  
created by the following  
(persons)  
J. Liebowitz  
4 Rheem Ave  
Richmond, CA 94804  
This business is conducted  
an individual  
S. Army Liebowitz  
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INTERNATIONAL EXPORTS is  
located at 555 Sunnyside  
Ave #101 in Phile, CA  
9564 is hereby registered by  
the following owners)  
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555 Sunnyside Drive #101  
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**Freight & Family** return to the Freight & Family 1111 Addison St. for an evening of folk music, dancing, and mountain music on Friday, June 2, 8 p.m. The Hanes family perform songs from Appalachia, the Mann and Hanes sing, Mainland Europe and the lower East Side. Tickets: \$10 advance, \$14.50 door. For show information, call 548-1761.

**Women's Choral Ensemble** presents "The Saint Moon on the Slanting" a spring concert of 20th-century music. The concert takes place on Friday, June 2, 8 p.m. at the Calvary Presbyterian Church, 1940 Virginia Avenue. Tickets: \$11-\$12. For more information, call 415-982-1111.

**Jon Jang** and James Newland present two great musical traditions: Korean and American. Jang, a Korean American actor/singer, performs traditional Korean music and songs on Thursday-Saturday, June 2-3 at 8 p.m. The performance is at the Berkeley Campus, Bancroft Way. Tickets: \$20 and \$32 available at the Cal Performance Ticket Office, 1940 Virginia Avenue. Call 642-9988 for more information.

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## Lecture/Workshop

**The Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center** (BRJCC) 1414 Walnut St., presents three lectures showing how Jews have been portrayed in Hollywood. The lectures are Monday June 5, 12 and 19, at 7:30-9 p.m. The program will include film excerpts. Tickets: \$25 BRJCC members, \$30 public. For additional information, call 848-0237, ext. 236.

**The YWCA** offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way, every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as its great variety of workshops. For more information, call 848-6370.

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**"What is Meditation,"** is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Pragati Dore is the facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional information.

**Emotions Anonymous:** Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

## Religion

**Silver Gretchen** speaks on "The Inner Significance of the Buddhist Stupa," on June 4, 6 p.m. at the Tibetan Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place, Gretchen, dean of Nyingma Studies, describes the teachings embodied by the Buddhist Stupa. Participants will be shown examples of Stupas. The event is free. Call 843-6812 for additional information.

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## Classes

**Ellen Logue** teaches "55 Alive Mature Driving Classes" on June 6 and 13 at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way. Reduce your insurance costs. Fees: \$10. For additional information, call 644-6107.

**The Berkeley Adult School (BAS)** offers Adult Basic Education classes, High

School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be utilized to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes

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6130 for additional information

**The South Berkeley Senior Center**, 2939 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. For additional information and class scheduling, call 863-5222.

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We will be conducting focus groups in June to discuss what it is you like and dislike about The BerkeleyVoice and are now looking for people to take part in those discussions. Participants will be paid \$40 for their time.

The focus groups will be approximately two hours long -- from 7 to 9 p.m. at a location still to be determined. If you are interested in participating, please complete the form below in its entirety and mail it to the address indicated at the bottom, or fax it to us at 510-644-1735 if that is more convenient. The information will be used to help form groups of people with different interests, ages, occupations and newspaper reading habits.



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## Gender

Male ☐  
 Female ☐

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18-24 ☐  
 25-34 ☐  
 35-44 ☐  
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 65+ ☐

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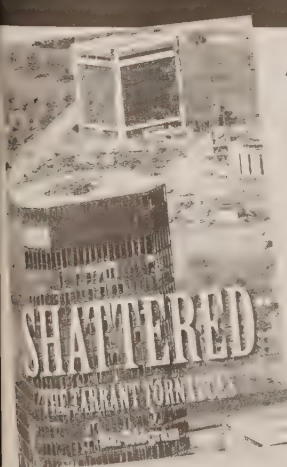
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## Children in Household

Yes ☐ No ☐

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## VW adds turbocharged engine to its lineup

### Keane on Wheels

By Connie Keane

Volkswagen turbocharges the compact car segment with its 1.8 T engine. This powerplant provides near six-cylinder performance with the economy of a four-cylinder engine.

The forceful 1.8 T turbocharged engine is available for the first time in 2000 Golfs and Jettas, making VW the only manufacturer to offer more performance options in the small car category. In addition to the new 1.8-liter turbocharged four-cylinder, buyers can choose among the standard 2.0-liter 115 horsepower four-cylinder engine, a Turbo Direct Injection diesel, or a 174 horsepower VR6.

Using five-valve technology, German engineers have boosted the delivery of horsepower and torque in this four-cylinder package. The five valves in each cylinder provide the 1.8 T Golf and Jetta with excellent air supply for top-end breathing. The 2000 1.8 T models deliver 150 horsepower at 5,700 rpm and 155 lb.-ft. of torque from 1,750 to 4,600 rpm.

The 1.8 T is a \$1,550 option, and purchasing this type of powerplant will require the small car driver to pull up to the premium unleaded fuel tank. Manual transmission fuel ratings aren't bad though: 24 mpg city, and 31 mpg highway.

I recently test-drove the Golf GLS 1.8

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### Drive, She Said



By Denise McCluggage

## Steering should not include small, twitched movements

When I covered horse shows for the now defunct "New York Herald Tribune," I particularly enjoyed the equestrian competition for youngsters. One was called "good hands." Clearly, a desirable attribute for riders seeking to be one with their mounts.

I think a similar skill should be emphasized for drivers who would like a fineness of control over their cars. Maybe you've seen riders whose overly busy hands send conflicting signals to the horse. Jerky, harsh hand movements transmit a disquiet to the animal which in turn prompts in the rider more purposeless activity.

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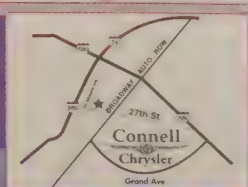
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## Testing Pontiac's glitzy flagship: the Bonneville SSEi

By Arnold and Marion Wechter

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When first entering a new test car, we immediately adjust the mirrors, seats, etc. Our first test drive of Pontiac's new Bonneville SSEi was marred because we failed to adjust the steering wheel.

Mirrors and seat were perfect, but as we started to drive up our favorite mountain highway it became noticeable that something was amiss with the car's steering. It didn't feel right and we had trouble on curves. Suddenly, we realized the steering wheel was much too low for our height. Pulling over to the side of the road, this was corrected and from that moment on the SSEi handled like a thoroughbred.

The SSEi is the flagship of the Pontiac model lineup. It features a standard supercharged V-6 engine that provides an excellent balance between power and fuel economy.

Besides the features on the two lesser models, SE and SLE, the SSEi includes the proven StabiliTrak system, for improved driving control, Heads-Up display, variable-effort steering, 12-way articulating driver and passenger leather bucket seats with memory, Bose eight-speaker premium sound system, right-hand outside rearview mirror "dip" for improved visibility when backing up.

Styling of the SSEi is somewhat on the far side. We're not knocking the car's appearance, but like other Pontiac models it is aimed at young buyers who prefer glitzy styling. It is somewhat restrained compared to other Pontiac models such as Grand Am and Grand Prix.

There is no denying its Pontiac heritage. The familiar Coke-bottle shape, cat's-eye headlamps, wide bodyside sculpting along with the wide dihedral V-shapes in the hood and decklid are all there.

Once we got the steering wheel adjusted, the SSEi came together.



THE BONNEVILLE SSEi, the flagship of the Pontiac model lineup, features a standard supercharged V-6 engine; the car boasts two features: traction control to improve bad weather starts and four-wheel discs brakes with ABS for excellent stopping power

### Specifications:

Type: 4-door sedan

Base price: \$31,635

As tested: \$34,615

Options on test car: power glass sunroof (\$980); 17-in. chrome plated aluminum wheels (\$595); remote compact disc changer (\$595); heated driver and passenger seats (\$195); destination charge (\$615)

Engine: supercharged 3800 Series OHV V-6, transversely mounted, front drive

Displacement: 3800 cc

Horsepower: 240 bhp @ 5200 rpm

Torque: 280 ft/lbs @ 3600 rpm

Transmission: 4-speed electronic automatic

Steering: Mag-E variable ratio rack-and-pinion

Brakes: vented 11.9-in. front discs, vented 11.1-in. rear discs with ABS

Wheelbase: 112.1 in.

Overall length: 202.6 in.

Width: 74.2 in.

Height: 56.6 in.

Track, front/rear: 62.6/62.1 in.

Curb weight: 3650 lbs

Fuel capacity: 18.5 gal.

EPA rating: 18 mpg City/27 mpg Highway

The combination of an independent front and rear touring suspension with electronic level control plus 17-inch wheels and steel-belted P235/55R17 speed-rated tires provides the handling of a first-rate sports sedan. Adding to the car's control is the all-new platform and body structure that results in a 62 percent improvement in torsional stiffness and 27 percent increase in vertical bending.

These figures sound overly technical, but they do add to ride quality, handling and a quieter performing car. There is no doubt the new Bonneville lineup is a definite improvement.

We sensed an improvement over earlier models in the steering with the addition of Magnetic Speed Variable Assist and road feedback was excellent.

The two of us drove the SSEi in near perfect weather conditions. This meant the stability control system

was not called upon. In dry weather one has to push the car over the limit to bring on the system - and neither of us like to drive in that manner.

We enjoy driving aggressively when conditions permit, but neither of us desires to test the law of physics.

We have tested the system on skid pads and it works - and it is nice to see the systems such as StabiliTrak being provided on moderate priced cars.

Rounding out the handling package are two important features: traction control to improve bad weather starts and four-wheel discs brakes with ABS for excellent stopping power.

The 3800 Series II V-6 that generates 205 horsepower and 230 ft/lbs of torque on the SE and SLE models. The SSEi gets additional punch from an added supercharger and heavy-duty transaxle with lower axle ratio. This up the horsepower figure to 240 bhp and 280 ft/lbs of torque. This

makes it very competitive in the near-luxury market segment.

Fuel economy is good for a large-size vehicle. The EPA says it should get 18 mpg City and 27 mpg on the road. The test car finished its stretch at our house with a 22.9 mpg in combined driving conditions.

If the exterior styling cues didn't tell you that the SSEi is a Pontiac, a quick look at the interior will do the trick. We definitely approve of the complete instrument panel. There are all the necessary analog gauges that enthusiasts appreciate. The panel's gauges include speedo, tachometer, battery voltage, oil pressure, and engine coolant temperature. The gauges are large and easy to read and illuminated with Pontiac's signature red lighting.

The center portion of the cockpit is canted toward the driver so that the driver can access controls without needed to reach out.

We've never been a fan of the optional EyeCue heads-up display, now not only displays speed but also red frequency turn signals, headlamps, and low fuel indicator. As a result, you may feel distracted.

SSEi buyers receive a bucket leather seat, leather position memory, leather equipment. We both found it comfortable and supporting during hard driving.

All Bonneville models are with standard driver's side front and side-impact air bags.

Driver and front passenger air bags are integrated into the seats for easy access.

The SSEi is a lot of money - and it offers a lot of comfort and safety.

## Keane

FROM PAGE D1

T. Unassuming in its visual appeal, the Golf's exterior design - which resembles a combination of a wagon and a hatchback - gives the impression of being a friendly and useful commuter.

Mated, however, to a fantastic five-speed manual transmission, the

1.8 T turbo engine turns the little Golf into a pocket rocket. Drivers get not only a fun to drive, zippy car, but the assuredness that comes with Volkswagen's safety engineering.

The \$17,900 Golf GLS 1.8 T comes with VW's Anti-Slip Regulation. ASR detects if one of the car's wheels begins to slip and applies braking force to that particular wheel. The Golf also is equipped with anti-lock brakes, front seat-mounted

side impact airbags, daytime running lights, and head restraints for all five seating positions.

VW says the Golf is designed for spirited driving, so the car is built with a firm ride quality, and dynamic control under acceleration and hard braking. Volkswagens have exceptional structural rigidity which is a necessary trait for crisp ride and handling.

Next year's model will have an optional sports suspension with

stiffer suspension settings than the current version for even tighter control and handling.

The seats are firm and well bolstered, and are even orthopedically designed for support and comfort, particularly important to the driver.

One of the most attractive interior characteristics is the instrument panel during nighttime driving.

The four circular black instrumentation gauges are back-lit by a vibrant blue with illuminated red

needles. A lot of quality workmanship goes into the VW. The dashboard's high-grade finely textured surface, houses easy to reach, logically placed audio and climate controls.

This moderately priced compact houses a wealth of amenities normally reserved for more expensive vehicles.

Some of these comfort and convenience features include height adjustable and telescoping steering

wheel, heated seats, a power one-touch up sunroof, and a center console. The vehicle designer's glare repelling gray plastic trim the windshield.

Optional on the Golf are a sunroof, a cold weather package, 15-inch alloy wheels.

VW's 1.8 T outdoes the competition. No one else offers the performance of a six in a turbo four-cylinder engine.

### SPECIFICATIONS

2000 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF GLS 1.8T VEHICLE TYPE..... 5-passenger

FWD compact

BASE PRICE..... \$17,900 (as tested: \$20,045)

ENGINE TYPE..... 20-valve 4 cylinder turbocharged w/SMPI

DISPLACEMENT..... 1.8-liter

HORSEPOWER (net)..... 150 at 5700 rpm

TORQUE (lb-ft)..... 155 at 1750-

4200 rpm

TRANSMISSION..... 5-speed manual

WHEELBASE..... 99 in. 2511 mm

TREAD (front/rear)..... 60/59 in.

1513/1494 mm

OVERALL LENGTH..... 163 in.

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OVERALL WIDTH..... 68 in. 1735 mm

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EPA MILEAGE RATING..... 24 city.

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ASSEMBLY PLANT..... Wolfsburg, Germany

STRONG FEATURE..... Drivability

WEAK FEATURE..... Nothing worth mentioning

## Drive

FROM PAGE D1

That's not unlike what happens with over-controlling drivers. So a horse is a sense creature with a delicate mouth and a car is a collection of metals, plastics and glass, but actually the outcome of "bad hands" can similarly upset a desired balance. It is painful to me to see either mount dealt with improperly.

The comparison came to me on a recent "ride and drive" introduction of a new car. At these events, we journalists pair up to drive a 250 to 300 mile route and experience, in turn, the new vehicle. Recently, I shared a car with someone whose nervous manner with the steering wheel fascinated me. A flash memory of the old "good hands" competitions came to me. A car can have a soft mouth, too, I thought. And I wondered how many of you out there on the real roadways were doing what he did.

Observe yourself next time at the wheel.

What my driving companion did was make constant little steering adjustments as we drove. The important words are "constant" and "little." Even though the highway was as straight as an arrow, he kept doing these little movements with his hands. Like in old movies with actors in a stationary car with a process shot behind and the "driver" pretends to drive by constantly moving with his hands.

I wondered what my colleague thought he was doing with this tiny, constant sawing away - keeping the car in a straight line? In a way he was. With one little tug he is instructing the car to go right and then immediately with another tug he is instructing it to go left. Assert-deny-assert-deny. The outcome is a moderately straight line, but if it were a sewing machine he was running, the stitch would waver under these contrary instructions.

I checked and, yes, I could feel

a change of pressure, however slight it was, on one side then the other. It was mildly discomforting. I thought about an extended trip in a car with a driver like this. I suspect passengers would be more stressed, more tired, more irritable, and have no idea why.

The point is this: A good driver, like a good rider, sends only essential instructions. These instructions should not be redundant, confusing or contradictory. Keep in mind that a car is designed to go straight, to track. The front wheels are even a little pigeon-toed to make that more certain. Constant adjustments of a car's straight ahead path is not only unnecessary, but nerve-racking.

Why do drivers over-control? I offer two possibilities: one, they are not looking far enough ahead, but rather at a spot only a car length or two in front of them. And, two, they have a bad habit they are unaware of.

Watch yourself drive. Place your hands on the wheel at the 10 and 2, or the 9 and 3 position

of a clock face. Hold the wheel firmly, but do not grasp it with a strangle hold. That increases tension in your arms and shoulders and makes for twitchy movements.

On straight stretches let the car follow its path with only occasional adjustments from you (restrain yourself) and only when necessary. Think smooth. Practice.

On turns, try judging the amount of steering input necessary at the start. Turn the wheel and then hold it steady as the car follows the arc. Only if the turn changes radius do you need to change the steering wheel setting. (Varying the pressure on the gas pedal can also reposition the car without changing steering input.) Again, practice.

Did I say anything to my colleague about his little habit? No. But I left him, as I leave you, with this to ponder: "Never do anything with a steering wheel that you have to immediately undo." Practice "good hands" partner.

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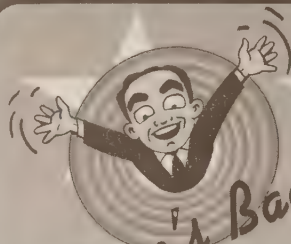
When it was introduced last year the Bentley Amage featured a body shell 65 percent more torsionally rigid than its predecessor. A further gain in stiffness of 20 percent has been achieved further enhancing the dynamic capabilities of the two new Amage models. The stiffer frame provides the six and three quarter liter Bentley V-8 with the perfect platform for delivery of its outstanding power, and provides the four and a half liter version with greater agility and driving precision.

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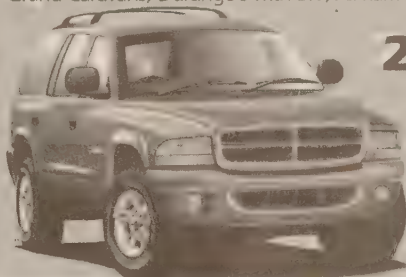
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# Drivers can test electric cars through rental fleets

By Jill Amadio

Renting a vehicle during business and pleasure travel has given many car buyers an opportunity to test-drive some of the new models they might consider buying.

While in the past the selection has been somewhat limited to sedans and a few coupes, nowadays, convertibles, minivans, and even sport utility vehicles are part of most car rental agency fleets.

Few people, however, expected Honda to throw its new, highly-innovative, technologically engineered alternative-fuel cars, the Civic GX NGV and the Insight, into the mix so soon.

They are barely in dealer showrooms, yet Honda's pilot program just introduced with Budget Rent-A-Car in partnership with EV Rentals in California is the first of several that Honda expects to debut across the country.

The automaker is also offering its odd-looking 2000 Insight coupe and the Civic GX NGV compact sedan for rent at major airports.

Environmentally-friendly vehicles are no stranger to rental car agencies.

Budget has a fleet of 70 that includes Nissan Ultra EV minivans, Ford Ranger EV trucks, and Toyota RAV4-EVs.

General Motors' EV1 was also on the books, but some were recalled to fix a faulty charger. Alternative fuel cars are even showing up as taxicabs and as company cars for local governments from New York to Los Angeles.

Most electric vehicles can be driven as far as 100 miles without recharging. Drivers should make sure they have the addresses of ded-

icated recharging centers from the rental agency where there is no charge for the charge.

Honda's Insight, on the other hand, is the first gasoline-electric hybrid vehicle to be sold in the U.S. and recharges itself.

It comes with impressive fuel economy, as high as 60 miles to the gas gallon in the city and 70 on the

## Honda's Insight can potentially travel 600-700 miles on a single tank of gas.

highway (though 50/60 mpg is more the norm) which is one of the major reasons it qualifies as a great rental car.

It can potentially travel 600-700 miles on a single tank of gas. The 1.0-liter, three-cylinder engine is assisted by a small, thin electric motor that is powered by a battery pack. When the driver decelerates and brakes, the electric motor is automatically recharged.

Cruising along the highway, you'll be using only the gasoline engine, but when you need extra power, both fuel sources come into play.

If you're a first-time Insight renter, Budget personnel will spend five minutes explaining how everything works. You'll also be asked your travel plans, such as how far and where you'll be driving, so that the agency can recommend the most suitable alternative-fuel vehicle for your needs.

If you choose to rent Honda's Civic GX NGV, the natural-gas-pow-



**THE HONDA INSIGHT HAS** won a wide range of awards from environmental and automotive industry groups, including the Sierra Club's Clean Car Coalition, the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, Popular Mechanics, Automobile Magazine and Woman Motorscene Magazine. The Sierra Club honored the Insight with its award for "Excellence in Environmental Engineering" for the time the organization has given an award for a product in its 108-year history. The award distinguishes the Insight for its revolutionary hybrid design and record-breaking 70-mpg fuel economy. "It isn't every millennium the Sierra Club praises a car," said Carl Poppe, Sierra Club executive director. "But the Honda Insight deserves the first award because it marks the beginning of the automotive industry utilizing 21st-century technology."

ered version of the standard Civic, you'll be presented with a list of natural gas refueling stations.

There are more than 2,000 such stations across the country, many of them at traditional gas stations. The Civics have a range of around 200 miles on one fill-up. The engine is a 1.6-liter, four-cylinder, and mileage is around 28 city, 34 highway.

Acceleration is fast in these com-

pacts because power is delivered instantly to the wheels, and all you'll hear from the engine is its quiet hum.

"These cars are truly practical for everyday use, and lots of people ask where they can buy one after they turn their rentals in," said EV Rental founder Jeff Pink.

"A benefit, too, is that natural gas is almost half the price of regular gasoline, so there's a great savings

right there."

Alternative-fuel rental vehicles cost almost the same as regular rentals. At San Diego's Budget, daily rates are \$44 for the Honda Civic GX and \$79 for the Insight.

In early May, when the Hondas were first added to the Budget fleet, the first fifty renters were given a \$10 a day rate. No decision was announced whether that introductory

offer will be offered in other

The program is set to expand nationwide and by the end of the year you'll be able to rent alternative cars from Washington, Arizona border and abroad this summer. The electric car is powered by methane-powered and liquid petroleum from the United Kingdom.

## Bentley

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provide even more exhilarating driving experiences which differ between Red Label and Green Label. The four and a half liter Arnage is a lighter, higher revving and responsive motor car, whilst the six and three quarter liter has greater midrange power which delivers an unmistakable tidal wave of acceleration in the finest Bentley tradition. Different driving characteristics to suit different tastes and requirements.

### The Interior

The Arnage models for 2000 Model Year benefit from much greater passenger accommodation which has been created by repackaging the interior of the motor car. This has enabled leg room to be increased by a further 50mm (2") and head room by 28mm (1") vertically and 25mm (1") horizontally each side. The proportions behind and beneath the front seats have also been increased to provide a distinctive improvement in knee and foot space for rear seated passengers and incorporate revised front seat backs and map pockets. This space is further enhanced by the automatic movement of the rear seats backwards to allow for ease of exit and entry upon opening of either rear door.

Effectively, designers and engineers at Crewe have developed a long-wheelbase version of the Arnage without actually increasing the wheelbase, in fact with no external panel changes. This achieves the aim of increasing interior space without any compromise to the exhilarating drive characteristics of the Arnage, and without any increase in body weight and thereby fuel consumption. The capacity of the fuel tank has also been increased without any modification to body panels or reduction in passenger or luggage space.

In the Bentley Arnage interior, particular emphasis has been placed on

an ergonomically efficient, classic layout of the driver's instruments and controls, the provision of dynamic styling cues, and attention to detail.

Complex curvature has been applied to the Arnage fascia, console and waistrails. Precision, analogue parchment colored instrument dials provide complete feedback of the motor car's engine and performance. As with all Bentley motor cars, Connolly hide, Wilton carpets, unbleached veneered woodwork from some of the world's finest stocks and detailed stitching demonstrate the attention to detail that one would expect in a Bentley thoroughbred. It is the way generations of craftsmen and women at Crewe work with the finest materials that sets Bentley apart from other cars.

The Arnage features uniquely-styled shouldered, bolstered seats with vertical fluting evocative of the early Bentleys. In creating the seat design, the designers conducted computer modelled 'pressure mapping' studies to define the optimum degrees of resilience, using variable density seat foams, which provide anatomically correct levels of support to the shoulders, back, base of spine and thighs.

The climate-control system in the Bentley Arnage is a highly advanced heating and air conditioning system. The digital controls uniquely allow airflow volumes and temperatures to be individually set for each side of the cockpit's upper and lower areas, and between front and rear. The system has a pollution control sensor, pollen and dust filters, dehumidifier and residual heating to continue to supply engine heat to the saloon interior once the engine has been switched off.

### Additional Features for 2000 Model Year

Both Arnage models for 2000 Model Year also list as standard a

number of features that complement the driving experience. The steering is now speed sensitive, providing effortless low speed maneuvering and firmer control at high speeds. Park distance sensors to front and rear provide audible warning of proximity to close objects. Both door mirrors can be folded in electronically when required, and have electrochromic glass to reduce night time glare.

Satellite navigation with 3-D horizon view scrolling graphics is provided on every motor car with navigation command output through the front audio speakers. The graphic display screen motors up and down from within the top roll at the touch of a button, providing a well-positioned display requiring little eye movement from the road and unobtrusive storage when not required. The rear seats automatically motor backwards when either rear door is opened to allow easier exit or entry.

### The Exterior

The exterior of both Arnage models now feature new 18" sports road wheels and clear indicator lenses, with red badges and sports bumpers to denote the 'Red Label' model. Structural improvements under the skin have significantly increased torsional rigidity of the body shell. At time of launch, the Arnage was 65 percent stiffer than its predecessor.

Now Bentley engineers have managed to improve torsional rigidity by a further 20 percent by adding a cast alloy brace in the engine bay, additional stiffening plates in the front tunnel area, and further swaging to the floor pan and rear seat squab. This increases the refinement of the ride and handling of the motor car, and enables the full capability of both of the engines offered to be fully appreciated, underpinned by the upgraded suspension system developed for 2000 Model Year.

Both the Red Label six and three quarter liter and Green Label four and a half liter have unique suspension settings. The Red Label has stiffer front springs to accommodate the heavier engine and gearbox, different damper tune, and suspension and subframe upgrades. Tony Gott, chief executive of Rolls-Royce and Bentley Motor Cars commented, "When we launched the Bentley Arnage last year we were naturally pleased at the reaction from journalists once they had driven the motor car. Headlines like 'Pedigree in Precision' and 'Me best new Bentley for sixty years' make all of our efforts worthwhile. I believe we have now improved the Arnage further with the choice of the legendary six and three quarter liter Bentley engine, with greatly increased accommodation in the interior, and even more precise ride and handling capability."

Gott continued, "This is a further benefit of our ownership by Volkswagen AG, as our original plan at launch saw us making the ride and handling and accommodation upgrade two years further out. Also, the

six and three quarter liter V-8 engine was not due to be upgraded to meet further emission requirements. However with access to Volkswagen's technical facilities this has now been achieved, allowing us to create the Red Label Arnage."

We believe existing customers will applaud these improvements, and

that customer new will find them too hard to believe. Traditionalists, who regret the six and three quarter liter four-door cars and the combination of the refined ride and the big capital beatable."



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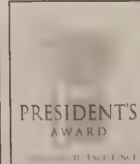
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# 1967 Austin-Healey evokes in owner a savoir-faire

By Vern Parker

While Greg Eden was matriculating at Dartmouth, the muscle-car era was racing at full throttle. Any car on the road in those days was reasonably well-built, and all had monstrous V-8 engines capable of generating enough power to light a small city.

The one thing those muscle cars did not have was a certain grace. One of Eden's classmates owned an automobile which possessed that elusive savoir-faire: the Austin-Healey 3000.

With 4-inches of ground clearance, it was a ridiculous car to have in the snow, N.H., Eden admits. It was hot in the summer, cold in the winter, the top leaked and the seats were uncomfortable. In addition to these shortcomings, the car was unappealing, too. Nevertheless, Eden and his classmate made countless memorable trips in the sexy little British roadster.

Three decades and several cars later, Eden, now an investment banker, found himself without a convertible car. He couldn't refuse for his teenage Mercedes-Benz 300 SL roadster.

He began thinking of how best to fill the automotive void in his life. Several high-dollar antique autos crossed his mind when he recalled the fun times he had had in his classmate's Austin-Healey. Case closed.

Now all Eden had to do was find the right Austin-Healey at the right price in the right condition at the right location. It sounds so easy. Within a year, Eden had located a 1967 Austin-Healey 3000 Mark III in northern New Jersey. The car, with only 32,000 miles on the odometer, had undergone a complete restora-

tion four years earlier.

The owner had several cars and, since he couldn't give each one the attention it deserved, decided to cull his herd and find a good home for the excess cars. Eden drove up to investigate and spent the day. He was taken by the quintessential British sports car. He drove home and negotiated the best deal he could via telephone.

Once Eden's precious new acquisition was home, he carefully inspected the 13-foot, 1-inch-long car from end to end, ensuring all was as it should be.

Beneath the engine hood, secured by a safety latch on each side, he found the trusty 3.2-liter, six-cylinder engine which he calls a refugee from a tractor. It's actually a 177.7-cubic-inch overhead valve engine that produces 150-horsepower. "It has a great sound," Eden exalts.

Typically British, the engine is lubricated by 7 quarts of oil. Three gallons of coolant keep the temperature under control while the dual semi-downdraft S.U. carburetors drink from a 14-gallon gasoline tank.

Eden found the 12-volt battery correctly secured inside the trunk at the right rear. Next to the battery is the standard cutoff knob which cancels electrical power to the car, eliminating the possibility of theft. The trunk is the only secure location on the car.

"It's a car of contradictions," Eden says. There are features that were very well thought out and other areas that are rudimentary at best. Eden says that for the car to be absolutely correct, the 60-spoke wheels should be painted, but the chrome-plated wheels on his car look so much better. Who except the most dyed-in-the-wool purist is going to complain?

The diminutive size of the Austin-



THIS 1967 AUSTIN-HEALEY 3000 Mark III with only 32,000 miles on the odometer had undergone a complete restoration when it graced Greg Eden's collection.

Healey becomes apparent when one shoehorns oneself into the cockpit. With the top raised the car stands 4 feet, 2 inches tall and, from door handle to door handle, the sleek car is 5 feet wide. The inside width dimensions are but 3 feet, 9 inches.

Driving along in such close quarters, sitting so close to the highway

beneath in a car with a 92-inch wheelbase, gives the impression of great speed — sometimes a truthful impression and sometimes a false one. "Road therapy is better than a visit to the doctor," Eden says. Since acquiring his prize, Eden has driven only about 300 miles. He reports gas mileage of about 18 mpg.

At the center of the dashboard is the ignition, flanked on the left by the two toggle switches operating the overdrive unit and the windshield wipers. The pair of toggle switches on the right control the instrument panel lights and the headlights.

The gorgeous Austin-Healey still handles as adroitly as he remembers.

The one thing Eden finds difficult to believe "is that 30 years have elapsed since I've been in one."

If you have an antique car of interest to "Classic Classics" readers, write to Vern Parker detailing its merits. (Please, no inquiries about selling or buying vehicles.) His address: 2221 Abbottsford Drive, Vienna, VA 22218.

## Higher gasoline grades concern some wary owners

Dear Doctor: I bought a new car in January of 1999. The dealer told me to use premium gasoline. I went to another dealer for my oil change and he said not to use the premium gas. What is the correct gasoline to use? Why would the dealer recommend different octanes?

Dear Ann: You first need to check your owner's manual. It will describe the type of gasoline to use in the car. (This is the book in the glove

compartment that usually never gets opened). To my knowledge, there is no reason why you should not use 87 octane.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1999 Mercury Grand Marquis. The engine pings with the use of 87 octane gasoline. On page 61 in the owner's manual it clearly states to use 87 octane gasoline. I tried 89 octane gasoline, but the engine still pings. I took the car back to the dealer and he said the technician made some adjust-

ments; however, the engine still pings. What can I do? If I was told the car needed premium gasoline I would not have purchased the car. Jack

Dear Jack: I drive and evaluate a different new car each week. On my last evaluation of a 1999 Grand Marquis, it did run and not ping on 87 octane gasoline. There is something wrong in the engine control system. Engine ping is the result of gasoline exploding in the combustion chamber, or not burning smoothly. A few

causes of this problem include the following: running too hot, lean fuel condition, carbon buildup in the combustion chambers, ignition timing advancing too much, or EGR valve or passageway problem. I suggest you contact the dealer service department and meet with a factory representative to discuss your problem. This is not a normal condition. You can always have the dealer take the car back and turn it in for a 2000 model.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1997 Plymouth Breeze with 17,000 miles of city driving. My problem is the rear brakes seem to wear out quickly. They have been replaced twice and the front pads once. This doesn't seem normal to me. Are there any notices or recalls on this complaint? Stephen

Dear Stephen: There are no bulletins on the brake system. In my opinion, the brake size on your car and other vehicles is smaller than I

would like to see; however, manufacturers leave these important decisions to engineers. Have the dealer check to make sure the brakes and parking brake are properly adjusted. Also check the adjustment on the master cylinder to the brake booster rod if applicable. The brakes will wear out in less than 20,000 miles under city driving conditions. Make sure you always take your foot completely off the brake pedal and never rest your foot on the brake pedal.

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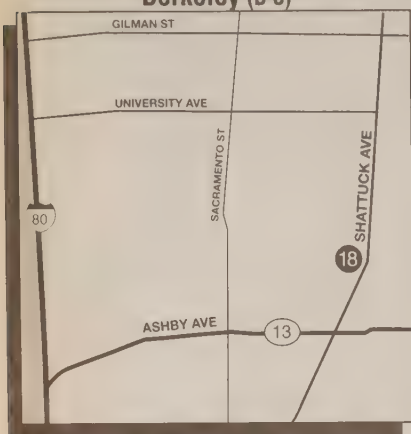
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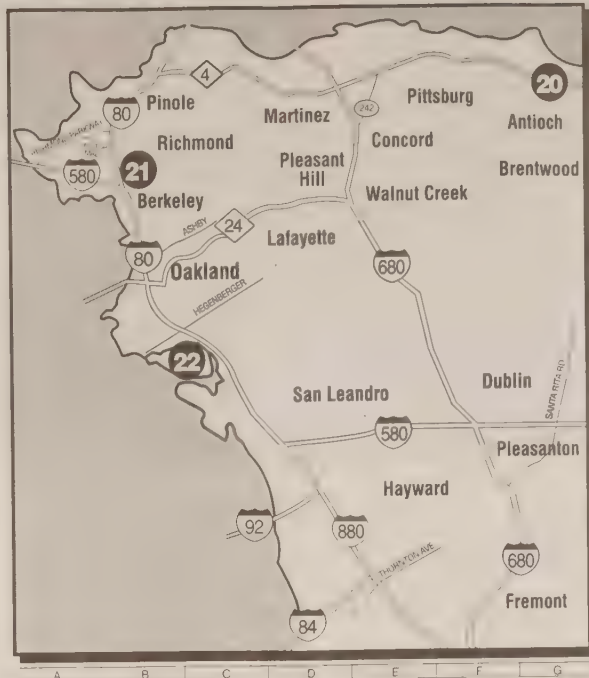
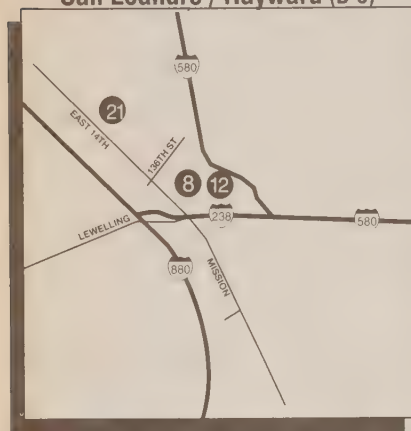
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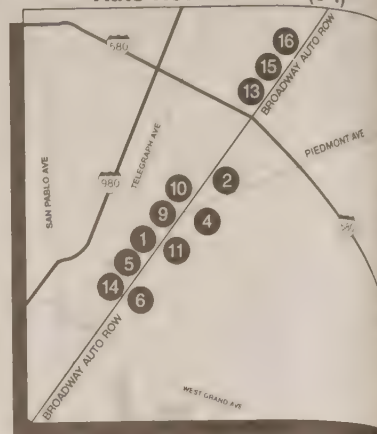
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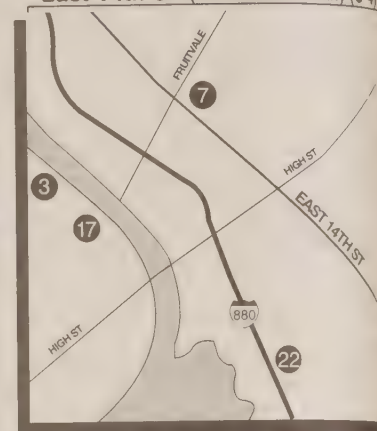
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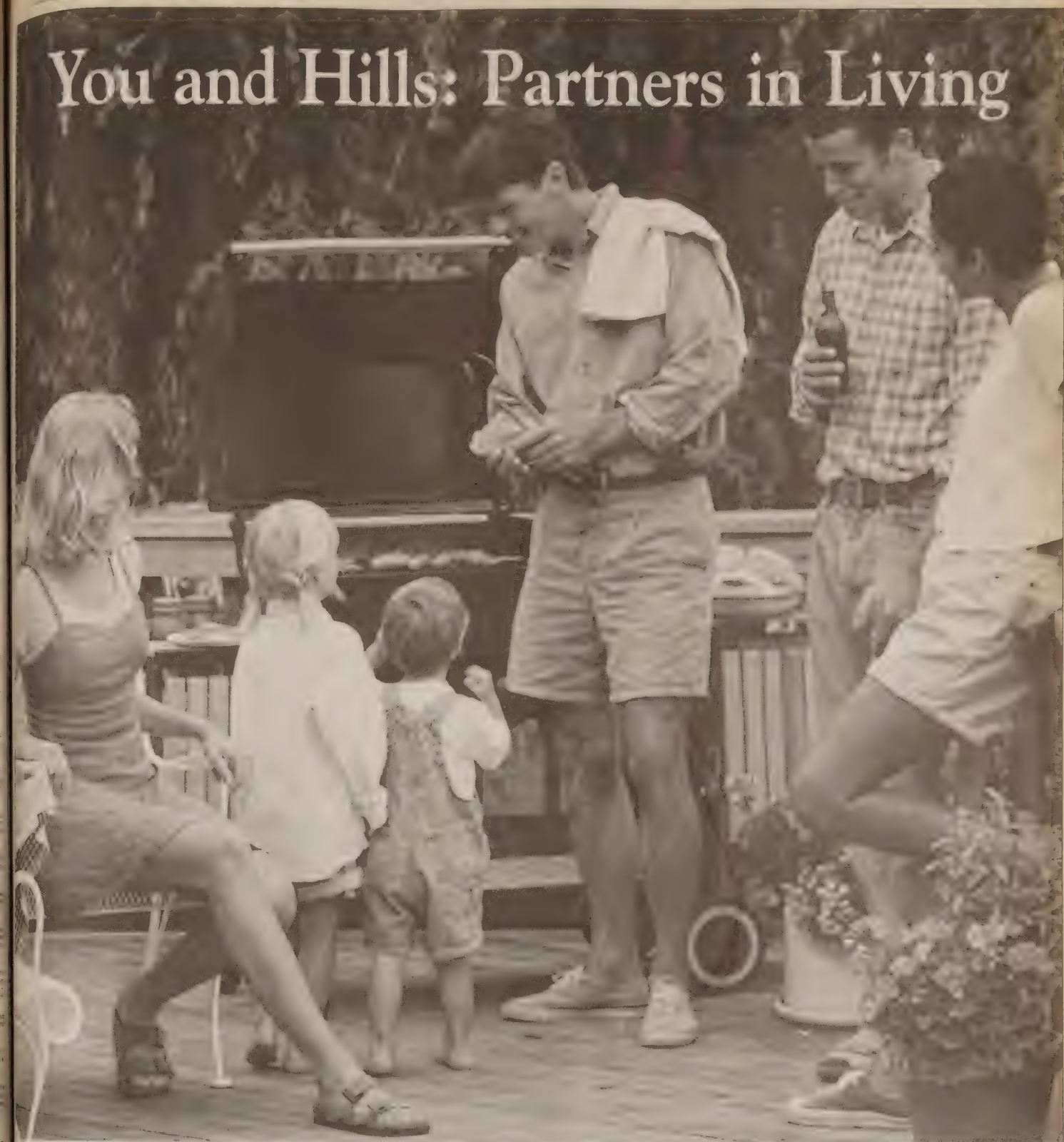








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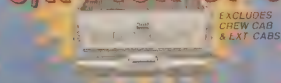
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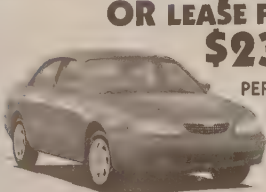
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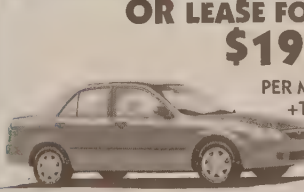


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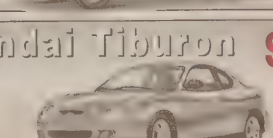


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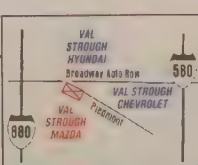
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## Whether low and slow or fast and sizzling barbecue is a thing of beauty

By Cathy Thomas

THE CONTRA COSTA REGISTER  
Christina Hum was seduced by the primitive smell of smoldering wood and succulent meat, drawn by the magic of mauling flame and fuel.

When I knew her in the early '80s, long before she had five barbecue joints and hundreds of barbecue smokers, she taught Thai and Indian cooking. She disappeared from the cooking school circuit and I'd track her until she phoned a few months ago.

She told me she had gone into the barbecue business in 1985 and was now president and chief executive officer of the St. Thomas Beverage Co. of Santa Fe Springs, which produces lemonade and tropical fruit drinks, as well as a variety of flavored teas.

But she didn't call to talk about her business. She called to talk about the beauty of barbecue. "It's a marvelous way to enjoy the outdoors and cook at the same time," she said. "And barbecuing is a good way to decompress after being in the corporate world."

Hum arranged an after-work invitation to her Huntington Beach, Calif., home for a close-up look at her backyard barbecue.

As tendrils of smoke curled through her long, dark hair, she held a dozen chicken wings, each with a rub of dry rub, on the hot grill. They had been liberally covered with Hum's dry rub, a mixture of white pepper, black pepper, chili powder, garlic powder and onion powder. She cautioned that it was important to be very generous with the rub, because some of it falls off

during grilling. And she had her spray bottle filled with water close by, ready to douse any flame flare-ups. Oven mitts and long tongs, too.

Hum explained that after work, she usually grills rather than barbecuing ... "real" barbecuing.

"True barbecue is essentially cooking meat low and slow. It can take half a day or the whole day," she said. "It's usually done over an indirect heat source at low temperatures, usually 200-250 degrees, in a covered barbecue. When we think of smoking, that's real barbecue. It makes inexpensive cuts of meat tender and delicious."

There's a huge barbecue culture in the South ... slow-smoked brisket in Texas, pulled pork in North Carolina and spicy ribs in Louisiana.

"What we call barbecue in the Western, coastal states is usually really grilling ... fast cooking on the grill, not traditional barbecue. Direct heat, high temperatures."

Hum finds joy in both approaches, saying that one of the best aspects of

both is the interesting people she meets along the way. She and her husband, Richard Tassone, are members of the Kansas City Barbecue Society, the world's largest organization barbecue enthusiasts.

With more than 2,500 members worldwide, including "cue fans from as far away as France, Japan, Brazil and South Africa, KCBS sponsors competitions across America, including the contests in California, such as the Surf and Turf Competition, held June 2-3 in

See BARBECUE, Page 2

### Grilled Eggplant and Tomato with Basil

Ingredients for 4 servings:

- 1/2 c Yellow bell pepper, diced
- 1/4 c Low sodium chicken broth
- 1 tb Olive oil; plus 1 teaspoon
- 1 tb Balsamic vinegar
- 2 cl Garlic, minced
- 1/4 ts Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 md Eggplant, pared; cut in 1"
- 1 md Tomato; cut in 1/2" slices
- 3 oz Goat cheese; crumbled
- 1/4 c Fresh basil; coarsely ground

In mini-food processor or blender, puree bell pepper, broth, oil, vinegar, garlic, salt and black pepper until smooth. Place eggplant and tomato on plate and brush on both sides with broth mixture; discard remaining broth mixture. Prepare grill for a medium fire. Grill eggplant 8 minutes, turning after 4, until lightly charred. Grill tomato 4 minutes, turning after 2. Arrange eggplant and tomato alternately on platter, overlapping slices. Sprinkle cheese and scatter basil evenly. Divide evenly and serve.

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2-4 p.m. Homeless Press Conference, Unitarian Church, Oakland.

Sunday, June 4

7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mt. Diablo Habitat for Humanity Work Day, Concord

2-5 p.m. Resources for Community Development (RCD) 15th Anniversary Party. Call RCD at (510) 841-4410 for more information.

Monday, June 5

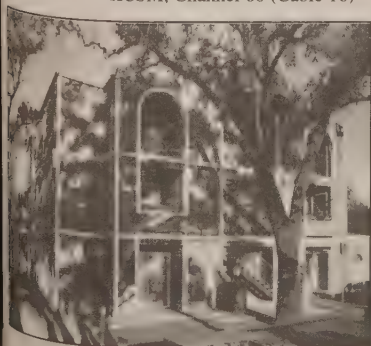
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Noon Kick Off Event for Mt. Diablo Habitat for Humanity, Todos Santos Plaza, Concord  
Millard Fuller, President and Founder of Habitat for Humanity.

Tuesday, June 6

7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mt. Diablo Habitat for Humanity Work Day, Concord

7:30 p.m. "Housing is a Human Right -- Seniors and Section 8" KCSM, Channel 60 (Cable 16)



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Wednesday, June 7

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Friday, June 9

8:30 a.m. Michael Pyatok, well-known architect of affordable housing, will address municipal housing staff in Contra Costa County on the issue of "density" in housing development.

7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mt. Diablo Habitat for Humanity Work Day, Concord

Saturday, June 10

Bay Area Build, East Bay Habitat for Humanity, Oakland

4 p.m. Closing Ceremony at Ellis Townhomes, Mt. Diablo Habitat for Humanity, Concord

Sunday, June 11

Bay Area Build, East Bay Habitat for Humanity, Oakland



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# Barbecue

FROM PAGE 1

in Imperial Beach and the Go for the Gold Competition, Aug. 11-12 in Azusa.

Carolyn Wells, the group's co-founder and executive director, says its nationwide barbecue competitions are for low-and-slow-style barbecue, but that doesn't mean that KCBS members don't do their share of grilling, too.

"We think of ourselves as quilters; we're preserving a culinary art form by preserving the low-and-slow methods of barbecue," Wells said in a telephone interview.

But as a practical matter, we have the same busy lives as everybody else and we want to eat before midnight. So we grill, too."

"Kansas City is the epicenter of

barbecue," she said, adding that there isn't any single style of Kansas City barbecue. When I asked her why her group was so popular, she was quick to answer.

"When we barbecue, we get to be kids again. We have fun and visit while we watch the meat cook. I think (the popularity of barbecue is) a backlash to the hustle and bustle of everyday life."

She may be right. Hurn looked like she had fully escaped the hustle-bustle world as she oh-so-calmly grilled wedges of herb-and-olive-oil-dunked potatoes, a marinated flank steak and bell peppers on her charcoal barbecue from Weber. Just before serving, she added half-inch-thick slices of skin-on eggplant that had been brushed with olive oil and some of her dry rub concoction.

Luscious aromas drifted over the yard, making my stomach rumble

with hunger pangs. But before I sampled, I had to find out about Hurn's five barbecues. She refers to them in loving tones as "rigs," giving them an approachable, get-the-job-done kind of sound. There's not a gas barbecue in sight.

She says gas just doesn't measure up, taste-wise. To get the authentic barbecue taste, she believes, you need to use wood charcoal. The wood gives off aromas that impart flavor to the food.

"There is no substitute for wood charcoal in flavoring food... They create that unmistakable taste and overall seasoning and flavoring effect," she said in a no-nonsense tone. Here's a rundown on her "rigs":

Ceramic barbecues: Hurn has two ceramic barbecues, the Big Green Egg and the Mini Big Green

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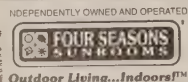
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## Barbecue

FROM PAGE 2

They look like whimsical ceramic avocados, but she says they heat really well and keep food moist and juicy. They're adapted from the Japanese kamado.

She and her husband had just returned from Waldorf, Md., where she attended the Big Green Egg One Hundred "egggers" gathered around the weekend joyfully barbequing and sharing stories and tips.

**Mini Big Green Egg:** "Because the eggs are so close to the grill, the egg is more of a high-heat grill than a smoker," Hurn said about her high-heat barbecue. "You can't grill for crowds, but it's perfect for small family; it's portable, only 35 pounds, so it's great for tailgating or picnicking. And you can start it in minutes."

**Use it for salmon steaks, burgers, sausages, Cornish game hens and chops.**

**The Big Green Egg:** "This is for serious barbecue, low and slow cooking," she said about her Big Green Egg. "You don't need to bother with direct heat (a method where fire is placed directly under the food), because the fire is so far from the food. And they're easy to get started and place two handfuls of hard-

wood charcoal over some wads of newspaper and you'll be cooking in 10 minutes. Or, rather than newspaper, nestle a fire-starter cube in the middle of the hardwood charcoal and light it. Make sure the dome is up and the lower vent is open. The more oxygen, the faster it will get started. Add the soaked wood chips the last half of the cooking time.

"I use it for moist and tender ribs, pulled pork and leg of lamb. A heavy-duty V-rack is nice. Put the lamb or pork on it and put it on top of the grill; the rack helps hold the meat together, because after long, slow cooking, the meat can fall apart. And the thermometer on the top is extremely accurate, which is very important when you're trying to maintain a low, even temperature." Metal barbecues: Hurn has three metal barbecues, two Weber Charcoal Grills and one Hasty-Bake oven.

**Weber Charcoal Grills:** "I like to use a charcoal chimney to start the charcoal in my Webers," she said. Charcoal chimneys are wide metal tubes with a handle on the side; crumbled newspaper is placed in the bottom and charcoal in the top. After the paper is lighted, this handy gizmo gets the charcoal burning in short order.

"If you want, the charcoal can be stacked on one side of the Weber for direct-heat grilling, and left off the other side for indirect, low-and-slow barbecuing," she said. "The lid is cru-

cial. It creates something like a convection oven; the heat comes up and the lid forces it down. It's a circular flow and it creates even cooking."

Weber charcoal barbecues are coated with porcelain enamel to prevent rust. They're available in many designs and colors; sizes range from diminutive Smokey Joes to massive Ranch Kettles.

**Hasty-Bake charcoal oven:** "This is really a rig designed to cook for a lot of people. The big advantage of the Hasty-Bake is that it has a large fire box that can be raised or lowered by turning a crank," she said about her swanky stainless steel workhorse with a peekaboo tempered-glass window. "So you can do low-and-slow cooking with the heat pushed down, then crank it up and grill. It has a V-shaped grill with a grease-drain rod that empties into a disposable aluminum foil container, so grease doesn't bake onto the barbecue and you don't have to worry about flare-ups."

"It also has a warming rack on top, which is nice for entertaining, because different things don't finish at the same time. It also has a very good thermometer. And the fire door has easy access, so it's easy to add more wood or charcoal."

Online information at May is National Barbecue Month. Hurn's delectable dishes are so enticing,

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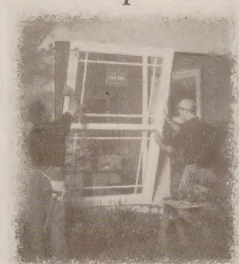
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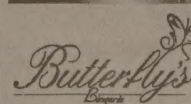
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## Barbecue

FROM PAGE 3

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1 cup soy sauce  
2 cups barbecue sauce of choice, homemade or store-bought  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 flank steak, 1-1 1/4 pounds

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2. Remove meat from refrigerator. Prepare barbecue grill.  
3. Remove meat from marinade and discard marinade. Grill over direct heat using medium-hot coals in covered barbecue, 4-5 minutes on each side. Grilling times will vary. Check with instant-read thermometer. It should be 130-135 degrees.  
Presentation: Allow meat to rest

5-10 minutes before slicing. Cut into thin, diagonal slices. Yield: 4 servings  
—Source: Christina Hurn

**Hurn's Grilled Multicolor Pepper Salad**  
Ingredients  
1 large red bell pepper  
1 large green bell pepper  
1 large yellow bell pepper  
1 large orange bell pepper  
3 tablespoons olive oil  
1 tablespoon cider or white wine vinegar  
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6-8 black kalamata olives

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## Barbecue

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Grill fresh mozzarella (packed in water, drained and cubed), 1/2 cup minced fresh herbs, 1/2 cup oil and pepper to taste. Cook's note: This salad makes a great sandwich filling as well as a salad.

Preliminaries: Preheat barbecue grill.

Grill peppers in single layer over direct heat, turning to cook evenly using tongs to hold stem end. Grill skins of peppers have charred, remove peppers from grill and place in paper bag. Close bag and allow peppers to steam 5 minutes. Remove peppers from bag and peel, if cool enough to handle. Peel and rinse, if possible. Remove

core and seeds from peppers; slice peppers into long strips about 1 inch wide.

3. Place pepper strips in bowl. Add remaining ingredients and toss. Chill, well-sealed, if not serving within 1 hour.

Presentation: Serve chilled or at room temperature.

Yield: 4-6 servings  
Nutritional information (per serving): 196 calories, 6 grams protein, 9 grams carbohydrates, 15.4 grams fat, 71 percent calories from fat, 16 milligrams cholesterol, 288 milligrams sodium

—Source: Christina Hurn

## Hurn's Grilled Herbed Potatoes

3 large baking potatoes, such as russets, scrubbed and dried  
1/4 cup olive oil  
1 tablespoon minced garlic  
1-2 tablespoons minced fresh herbs

of choice, such as thyme, basil, rosemary or a combination  
1/2 teaspoon salt

Freshly ground pepper to taste  
1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Preliminaries: Preheat barbecue grill.

1. Cut each potato into 8 length-wise wedges.

2. In bowl, combine oil, garlic, herbs, salt and pepper. Add potato wedges and toss to coat evenly.

3. Arrange potato wedges over direct heat on hot grill and cook until fork tender, usually about 4-5 minutes on each side.

4. Carefully remove and place in bowl. Gently toss with cheese. Serve immediately.

Yield: 4-6 servings

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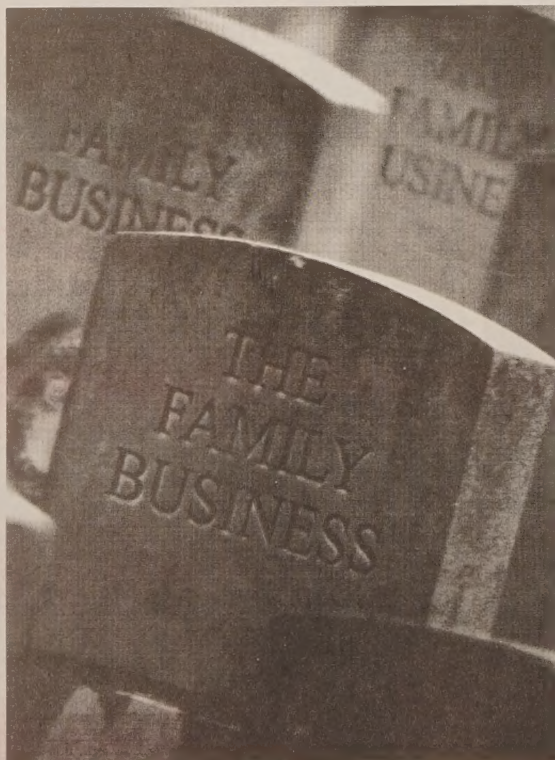
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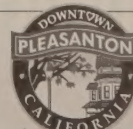
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